

The works brass band – a historical directory of the industrial and corporate patronage and sponsorship of brass bands

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Preston Corporation Tramways Band, c. 1910

From the earliest days of brass bands in the British Isles, they have been supported at various times and to differing extents by businesses and their owners. In some cases this support has been purely philanthropic, but there was usually a quid pro quo involved where the sponsor received benefits – e.g. advertising, income from band engagements, entertainment for business events, a “worthwhile” pastime for their employees, corporate public relations and brand awareness - who would have heard of John Foster’s Mills outside of the Bradford area if it wasn’t for the Black Dyke Band?

One major sponsor and supporter of brass bands, particularly in the second half of the 19th century, was the British Army, through the Volunteer movement, with upwards of 500 bands being associated with the Volunteers at some time – a more accurate estimate of these numbers awaits some further analysis. However, I exclude these bands from this paper, to concentrate on the commercial bodies that supported brass bands. I am also excluding social, civic, religious, educational and political organisations’ sponsorship or support.

In some cases it is difficult to determine whether a band, composed of workers from a particular company or industry was supported by the business or not. The “workmen’s band” was often a separate entity, supported by a local trade union or other organisation. For the purposes of this review I will be including them unless there is specific reference to a trade union or other social organisation.

Similarly where a band is named Messrs X (or X and Y) Band, this usually indicates an association with the business company of Messrs X (or X and Y). However, in the early years of brass bands they were often named after their founders or leaders. Bands from the 1850s and 1860s are particularly tricky in this regard. I have included such bands where there is no obvious corporate connection - where the company cannot (yet) be identified – and marked them as “unknown” in terms of their type of sponsor. Those with clear “leader” designations have been excluded from this list.

I have also excluded the “professional” brass bands, active in the 19th century, which supported travelling shows, circuses, theatres, waxworks and other places of entertainment with their performances.

Of the nearly 20,000 brass bands that have existed in the British Isles over the last 200 years, I have identified some 2,200 that were directly supported or sponsored by businesses and industry. Some have had multiple sponsors, occasionally in different areas of commerce or manufacturing. These are listed below, extracted from my earlier *“Brass Bands of the British Isles – a historical directory”* (January 2019) – available from **gavinholman.academia.edu/research**.

By far the largest category is that of the colliery bands (537), followed by those related to the railways (244), then iron & steel manufacture (187). The categorisation of the industries and business types is arbitrary, and in quite a few cases there is doubt as to the actual “best fit” category. Many bands not listed here will have had “hidden” support – i.e. patronage from a corporate sponsor that is not recorded in their available histories or referred to in the band’s name. I am sure there will be a number of others that have been missed from this listing for one reason or another! Nonetheless it does give a good picture of the overall level and breadth of such corporate support.

Where bands have had multiple sponsors of different industry/business category, they appear under each. Cross references for alternate/previous names of bands are also given.

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 - Quarrying, stone & construction materials [20]
- Property & construction [35]
- Publishing & printing [26]
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Chemical & plastics industries



Brantham Xylonite Works Brass Band

Bathgate Chemical Band (West Lothian)

See: Bathgate Chemical Works Brass Band

Bathgate Chemical Works Brass Band (West Lothian)

Active in 1869 to 1891

Berkhamsted Amateur Brass Band (Hertfordshire)

Active in 1865, conductor C. Hurst. Still active in 1890. Most of the band members in 1884 were employees of Cooper's Chemical and Emery Works in the town, and the band was also known as Cooper's Chemical Works Brass Band

Brantham Xylonite Works Brass Band (Suffolk)

Founded in 1893. Active through to the 1930s. Conductor James Naylor in 1893-1899

Bristol Alkali Works Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Britag Band (Brigg, Lincolnshire)

Active in 1985

British Vita Works Band (Middleton, Lancashire)

Active in the early 1970s

British Xylonite Works Band (Brantham, Suffolk)

See: Brantham Xylonite Works Brass Band

Cooper's Chemical Works Brass Band (Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire)

See: Berkhamsted Amateur Brass Band

Dronfield Band (Derbyshire)

Founded in 1970 - Former names: New Dronfield Band, Staveley Works Band (1984), Stagecoach East Midland Bus Company Band (1991-1994). Merged with Killamarsh Silver Band in 2010 to form Dronfield C.M.W. Band

Dunlop Tyre Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Dunlop Works Brass Band

Dunlop Works Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Disbanded during WW2.

Felling Chemical Works Band (Durham)

Founded in 1859. Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor R. Clemitson in 1865

Hale End Xylonite Works Band (Hackney, Middlesex)

Formed in 1920.

Hull Oil and Colour Works Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Messrs Blundell, Spence and Co.'s Works Harmonic Brass Band

I.C.I. (Alkali) Band (Winnington, Cheshire)

Formed in 1923 as Winnington Boy Scouts Band, then Winnington Lads' Club Band in March 1936. Adopted ICI (Alkali) name in June 1936. Still active in the early 1960s

Jarrow Chemical Works Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1861. Conductor J. Maughan in 1865. Still active in 1871

Laporte Industries Band (Widnes, Lancashire)

Active in the 1980s. Still active in 1991. Disbanded in 1993? However it is reported that the Rothwell Temperance Junior Band had, by 1989, "acquired a two-year-old set of Yamaha instruments from the defunct Laporte Industries Band."

Manningtree Xylonite Works Band (Essex)

See: Brantham Xylonite Works Brass Band

Messrs Blundell, Spence and Co.'s Works Harmonic Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in 1855 to 1857 - Blundell Spence and Company were paint and varnish manufacturers and oil seed crushers in Kingston upon Hull.

Messrs Morris Brothers' Brass Band (West Stockwith, Lincolnshire)

Active in 1881. Still active in 1903. The Morris Brothers Chemical Works were located at Woods Patent Mills, West Stockwith

Messrs Moulton's Brass Band (Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire)

Active in 1863. Still active in 1884. Conductor John Tiley in 1884. This was the works band from Moulton's rubber factory at the Kingston Mill, which was established in 1848 - this was the birth of the rubber industry in the UK

Michelin Works Brass Band (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

Active in the 1950s

Monsanto Chemical Works Band (Cefn-Mawr, Denbighshire)

Active in the 1940s and 1950s. Conductor F.G.H. Irving in 1951

Monsanto Silver Band (Denbighshire)

See: Monsanto Chemical Works Band

Morris Brothers' Brass Band (West Stockwith, Lincolnshire)

See: Messrs Morris Brothers' Brass Band

Moulton's Brass Band (Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire)

See: Messrs Moulton's Brass Band

Price and Company's Brass Band (Erith, Kent)

See: Messrs Price and Company's Brass Band

Resdev Market Rasen Band (Lincolnshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1966 - Former names: Market Rasen Town Band, Market Rasen Band (to 2002), Market Rasen RPC Band (to 2012) - Note:

Previous Market Rasen Town Band existed from the 1880s until disbanding at start of WW2

Rigid Containers Group Band (Northamptonshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Virtuosi GUS Band

Sissons Brothers and Company Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Founded in 1909, bandmaster Mr Southcoat. Active in the 1910s. Sissons manufactured varnish, paint and colours. A bandroom was constructed at the factory in 1911.

St Bede Chemical Company Brass Band (Jarrow, Durham)

Founded in January 1884, largely through the efforts of the workmen themselves, with £20 being provided by the company for instruments. Still active in 1890. Conductor Mr Hope in 1890.

St Bede's Chemical Brass Band (Jarrow, Durham)

See: St Bede Chemical Company Brass Band

Staveley Ambulance Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Staveley Works Brass Band (1)

Staveley Iron and Chemical Works Band (Derbyshire)

See: Staveley Works Brass Band (1)

Staveley United Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Staveley Works Brass Band (1)

Staveley Works Brass Band (1) (Derbyshire)

Active in 1863 as Staveley Works Band. Conductor James Needham in 1864, John Bunker in 1881, Mr Hexall in 1893. Secretary T. Clarke in 1897. Towards the end of the century and into the 1900s, more commonly known as Barrow Hill Brass Band, later Barrow Hill and Staveley United Prize Band, Barrow Hill and Staveley Works Silver Prize Band. The band was attached to the Staveley Works Ambulance Corps. Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by A.H. Dawes. Active through to the 1990s

Staveley Works Brass Band (2) (Derbyshire)

See: Dronfield Band

Virtuosi GUS Band (Northamptonshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1933 - Former names: Munn And Felton Works Band, G.U.S. (Footwear) Band, Rigid Containers Group Band (1988), GUS Band, Travelsphere Holidays Band (to 2005), GUS Band (to 2006). *[Further information - see: Eason, Kevin - Golden Brass: the 50th anniversary of the GUS Band - Chester Printers Ltd - 1983; Mutum, Tim - Virtuosi GUS Band - British Bandsman - (5790) 05-Oct 2013, pp. 10-13]*

Xylonite Works Brass Band (Brantham, Suffolk)

See: Brantham Xylonite Works Brass Band

Xylonite Works Brass Band (Hackney, Middlesex)

See: Hale End Xylonite Works Band

Yorkshire Coking and Chemical Works Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1930s

Communications & electronics



Stockport Telephone Band

Automatic Telephone and Electric Works Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: ATM Works Band

BAE Systems Brass Band (Maidstone, Kent)

[current band] - Founded in 1971 - Former names: Elliot Concert Brass, G.E.C. Maidstone Band (1986), GEC Avionics (Rochester) Brass Band (1988), GEC-Marconi Avionics Brass Band (1995) - Note: Amalgamated with Trinity Brass from Maidstone in 1985/6

Barrow Shipyard Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

Founded in 1892 as Barrow Temperance Band (to 1908), Barrow Shipyard Prize Band (1908), Barrow Home Guard Band (1939), Barrow Shipyard Band (1945), Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Band (1960), Vickers Works Band, Vickers Barrow Works Band, British Shipbuilders Band (1980), GEC Band, VSEL Band, BAE Systems (Marine) Band, Barrow Shipyard Band (2002). Folded in 2012 when their kit, instruments and uniform were passed to the junior band. Members in 1914 were: W. Laycock, F. Pawson, H. Parker, W.H. Pickhard, W. Smithers, J. Fiddles, F. McCann, A. Smithers, J. Dunn, W. Norris, H. Fisher, J. Fisher, J. Hollaway, W. beckett, j. Boyd, F. Rothwell, J. Kemp, T. Preston, J. Walker, R. Smithers, J. Jamieson (treasurer), J.H. Carter (conductor), W. Hannigan (secretary), F. Grisdale, A. Russell, S. Sadler, T. Shaw (solo cornet), J. Towers (solo baritone).

British Telecom Band (Stockport, Cheshire)

See: Stockport Telephone Band

BT Band (Stockport, Cheshire)

See: Stockport Telephone Band

Cable and Wireless Band (London)

Formed in 1940, originally for boy messengers, but included girl messengers during the War. In 1947 there were "7 lady members" of the band. Still active in the late 1960s.

Cable and Wireless Messengers' Band (London)

See: Cable and Wireless Band

Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1836 - Former names: Dodworth Prize Band, Dodworth Miners Welfare Band, Dodworth Colliery Band, British Steel Dodworth Band, JWE Mobile Phone Dodworth Band (1993?-1996), Dodworth Miners Welfare Phoenix Band, Dodworth Phoenix Band. Conductor W. Allen in 1867, James Moorhouse in 1894-1905. Officers in 1890 included: T.V. Wentworth, president; T. Taylor, president; C.H. Cobbold, chairman & treasurer; Mr Wills, secretary. The band's papers (1887-1942) are held at the Barnsley Archive and Local Studies Department

G.E.C. Maidstone Band (Kent)

[previous name of current band] - see: BAE Systems Brass Band

GEC Avionics (Rochester) Brass Band (Kent)

[previous name of current band] - see: BAE Systems Brass Band

GEC Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

See: Barrow Shipyard Band

GEC-Marconi Avionics Brass Band (Kent)

[previous name of current band] - see: BAE Systems Brass Band

JAG Mount Charles Band (Cornwall)

[previous name of current band] - see: Mount Charles Band

JWE Mobile Phone Dodworth Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

Lympstone Southwest Telecomms Band (Devon)

[previous name of current band] - see: South West Comms Band

New Forest Brass Band (2) (Hampshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1977 - Former names: Marchwood Brass, Vodaphone Band - Note: It evolved from a group of like-minded people who came together informally at lunchtimes in the Marchwood Engineering Laboratories of the CEGB. It then became an evening class known as Marchwood Brass under the baton of Mike Swatman and began to accumulate instruments and music. Later, under the expert tuition of that great Hampshire man of brass, John Knight, it steadily improved. Until recently, the band enjoyed the sponsorship from Vodafone and carried that name. [Further information - see: Matthews, Ken - History of NFBB (New Forest Brass Band) - the story of a brass band from Marchwood Brass (1977) to New Forest Brass (2013) - Fastprint Publishing, Peterborough, England, 2014. ISBN 978 1780359458]

POEU Brass Band (Stockport, Cheshire)

See: Stockport Telephone Band

South West Comms Band (Devon)

[current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Brass Band of the 1st Devon Artillery Volunteers - Lympstone Company, Lympstone Band, Lympstone Silver Band (1920s), Topsham & Lympstone Band (1958-1969),

Lympstone Band, Lympstone Southwest Telecomms Band (to 2014) - Note:
Other related bands: Topsham Silver Band

Stockport Telephone Band (Cheshire)

Formed in 1967, conductor Bill Philips, later known as POEU (Post Office Engineering Union) Brass Band (to 1987), British Telecom Band, BT Band (to 2007) and finally Stockport Brass until its demise in January 2009. Most of the original bandsmen were members of that union, being telephone engineers employed at the time by the General Post Office (GPO). In recognition of this support, the band changed its name to the POEU Brass Band. It later became supported by the employer, British Telecom and the name changed to reflect that. In 1992 it became the first ever winners of the newly formed First Section of the National Championships. The band was promoted to the Championship Section in the North West of England and appeared at the British Open in 1998 (coming 9th), 1999 (16th) and 2000 (23rd). As with most bands there were periods of ups and downs and in January 2001 the band was down to about 10 players. With MD Michael Fowles taking up the challenge, within a few weeks they came 5th at the North West Area. This was the start of a partnership between MD and band that saw the band become a consistent performer at major contests - especially at the Regionals.

Vodaphone Band (Marchwood, Hampshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: New Forest Brass Band (2)

Energy industries

A W Parker (Drybrook) Band (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1924 - Former names: Drybrook & District Band

BNFL Leyland Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Leyland Band

Leyland Band (Lancashire)

*[current band] - Founded in 1946 - Former names: Leyland Motors Band, Leyland Vehicles Band (1978), Leyland DAF Band (1987), BNFL Leyland Band (1992-96), JJB Sports Leyland band (1997-99), The Leyland Band (2000).
[Further information - see: Littlemore, Allan - JJB Leyland Band - 2000]*

Energy - electric

Central Electricity Generating Board Band (Portishead, Somerset)

[previous name of current band] - see: Portishead Town Band

Drighlington Brass Band (2) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1976 - Former names: Drighlington Brass Band, Yorkshire Electricity Drighlington Band

Electricity Club Band (Portishead, Somerset)

[previous name of current band] - see: Portishead Town Band

London Electricity Redbridge Brass Band (Essex)

[previous name of current band] - see: Redbridge Brass

Portishead Town Band (Somerset)

[current band] - Founded in 1968 - Former names: Central Electricity Generating Board Band, Electricity Club Band, Clarence House Brass (mid 1980s)

Redbridge Brass - (Essex)

[current band] - Founded in 1966 - Former names: Redbridge Brass Ensemble, Redbridge Brass Band, London Electricity Redbridge Brass Band (1983) - Note: Originally conducted by John Ridgeon and Howard Wallace - the band was previously the top band (of four) in the Redbridge Music School.

Yorkshire Electricity Drighlington Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: *Drighlington Brass Band*

Energy - gas



Effingham Gas Works Band

Adderley Street Gas Works Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in the early 1900s

Alliance Gas Company's Brass Band (Dublin, Dublin)

Active in 1877. Still active in 1905

- Annan Town (APD) Band** (Dumfriesshire)
[current band] - Founded in 1961 - Former names: Annan Town Band, Annan Town (LPG Eco-Gas) Band (2000)
- Annan Town (LPG Eco-Gas) Band** (Dumfriesshire)
[previous name of current band] - *see: Annan Town (APD) Band*
- Ashburton Gasworkers' Brass Band** (Devon)
Active in 1892
- Avon Street Gas Works Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
See: Bristol Gas Company Brass Band
- Barking G.W. and G.L.U. Brass Band** (Barking, Essex)
See: Barking Gasworkers' Brass Band
- Barking Gas Stokers' Brass Band** (Essex)
See: Barking Gasworkers' Brass Band
- Barking Gasworkers' Brass Band** (Essex)
Founded in 1890. Active to 1897. Secretary George Wade in 1891. Conductor J.Skipsey in 1893
- Barking Gasworks Brass Band** (Essex)
See: Barking Gasworkers' Brass Band
- Bath Gas Works Brass Band** (Somerset)
Active in 1886 to 1895
- Beckton Gas Works Brass Band** (Essex)
Active in 1884 to 1894. Conductor Thomas Bidgood in 1885
- Beckton Works Brass Band** (Essex)
See: Beckton Gas Works Brass Band
- Berkeley Teetotal Society Band** (Mitcham, Surrey)
Active in the late 1890s. Organised by the redoubtable Priscilla Pitt, the Society ran an imaginative programme of social and educational events designed to promote self-improvement and the rejection of alcohol. Initially described as a "ragtag but optimistic bunch", the band developed into proficient musicians. By this stage they had proper instruments and sported uniforms funded by Joseph Ely (founder of the famous Wimbledon department store). The group eventually imported non-teetotal musicians and evolved into the Mitcham Gas Works Band, which was active in 1909. Their musical prowess was such that they appeared at a wide range of events and celebrations, even participating in the Crystal Palace Brass Band Festival. The band probably disbanded during WW1.
- Bournemouth Gasworks Band** (Hampshire)
Active in 1924
- Branksome Gasworks Band** (Dorset)
See: Bournemouth Gasworks Band
- Brentford Gas Company Band** (Middlesex)
See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band
- Brentford Gas Works Band** (Middlesex)
See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band
- Bristol Gas Company Brass Band** (Gloucestershire)
Formed in April 1860, conductor J.C. (J.O.) Brooke. Members were in the employment of the Bristol United Gas Company at the St Philip's Gas Works, Avon Street. Still active in the 1890s. Also known as the Avon Street Gas Works Band. Conductor Herr Wintermere in 1865
- Bristol Gas Works Brass Band** (Gloucestershire)
See: Bristol Gas Company Brass Band

Canon's Marsh Gas Works Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
Active in April 1864, when they gave a concert in the Broadmead Rooms

Chiswick Works (L.G.O.C.) (Middlesex)
Formed in 1922, conductor William Heath.

Crystal Palace District Gas Works Brass Band (Surrey)
Active in 1894 to 1897

Dublin Gas Company's Brass Band (Dublin)
See: Alliance Gas Company's Brass Band

Dublin Gas Employees' Brass Band (Dublin)
See: Alliance Gas Company's Brass Band

Dublin Gas Workers' Brass Band (Dublin)
See: Alliance Gas Company's Brass Band

Effingham Gas Works Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in the early 1890s through to WW1. Conductor Fletcher W. Stevenson in 1895-1896, Zenas Corker in 1897, J.C. Dyson in 1910. Obtained a new band-room in Sussex Street in 1910. The gas works were located in Effingham Street, Sheffield

Effingham Street Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Effingham Gas Works Brass Band

Fulham Gas, Light and Coke Company's Club and Institute Brass Band (Middlesex)
See: Fulham Gasworks Brass Band

Fulham Gasworks Brass Band (Middlesex)
Active in 1891. Still active in 1898. Associated with the Fulham Gas, Light and Coke Company's Club and Institute. Conductor C.Y. Carter in 1892-1898. Was associated with the 2nd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers (no. 8 battery) during the mid-1890s for a short while

G.W.U. Brass Band (Barking, Essex)
See: Barking Gasworkers' Brass Band

Gas Light and Coke Company Band (Nine Elms, Surrey)
See: Nine Elms Gas Workers Union Brass Band

Gas Light and Coke Company Band (Southall, Middlesex)
See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band

Gas Light and Coke Company Band (Kilburn, Middlesex)
Formed in 1906

Gas Workers' and General Labourers' Brass Band (Barking, Essex)
See: Barking Gasworkers' Brass Band

Glasgow Gas Department Band (Lanarkshire)
Active from the 1920s to the 1950s. Conducted by John Peckham in 1927, took first place at a contest at Wishaw in 1933, conductor Herbert Bennett.

Glasgow Scottish Gas Band (Lanarkshire)
See: Glasgow Gas Department Band

Great Central Gas Works Brass Band (Bow Common, Middlesex)
Active in 1862

Greenwich Gas Works Brass Band (Kent)
Active in 1863

Ipswich Gas Company Band (Suffolk)
See: Ipswich Gas Works Brass Band

Ipswich Gas Works Brass Band (Suffolk)
Founded in 1864, conducted by Walter Parker. Bandmaster Henry Dunt in 1865. Entered a contest at Woodbridge in 1866. Still active in 1886

Ipswich Gas Works Brass Band (Suffolk)

Founded in 1864, conducted by Walter Parker. Bandmaster Henry Dunt in 1865. Entered a contest at Woodbridge in 1866. Still active in 1886

Kilburn Gas Works Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in the 1900s to WW1.

Kilburn Gas, Light and Coke Company Band (Middlesex)

See: Kilburn Gas Works Brass Band

Leicester Corporation Gas Department Band (Leicestershire)

See: Leicester Corporation Gasworks Band

Leicester Corporation Gasworks Band (Leicestershire)

Active in 1889 to the 1900s, conductor was C.V. Palmer in the 1890s, Mr Hewitt in 1900. From the Ayleston Road gasworks in the town. In 1900 there were 34 players and the band was supported by voluntary subscriptions and the proceeds of public concerts.

Leicester Gas Department Brass Band (Leicestershire)

See: Leicester Corporation Gasworks Band

Leicester Gasworks Band (Leicestershire)

See: Leicester Corporation Gasworks Band

Metrogas Brass Band (Deptford, Kent)

See: South Metropolitan Gas Company Band

Milverton Gas Works Brass Band (Somerset)

Active in 1868

Mitcham and Wimbledon Gas Company Band (Surrey)

See: Berkeley Teetotal Society Band

Mitcham Gas Works Band (Surrey)

See: Berkeley Teetotal Society Band

Neepsend Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Neepsend Gas Works Brass Band

Neepsend Gas Works Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1893, when the members bought their own instruments at a cost of £100 and uniforms at a further cost of £6. Conducted by W.E. Dennis, secretary was John Parker. Still active in 1905. H. Gammidge was conductor and solo cornet in 1902. Conductor J.W. Rodgers in 1903

Nine Elms Gas Workers Union Brass Band (Surrey)

Active in 1893. Still active in 1897

Old Kent Road Works Brass Band (Deptford, Kent)

See: South Metropolitan Gas Company Band

Phoenix Gas Company Brass Band (Vauxhall, Surrey)

Active in 1865. Still active in 1879. Conductor Mr Rayner in 1874. The Phoenix Gas Light and Coke Company served Southwark, Brixton, Deptford and Greenwich with coal gas for street lighting

Plymouth Gasworkers' Brass Band (Devon)

Active in 1891

Rotherhithe Gas Company Brass Band (Surrey)

Active in 1888. Bandmaster G.E. Rose in 1888-1894, G. Ryman in 1889

S.M.G.W. Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band

Saltley Gasworks Brass Band (Warwickshire)

Active in 1900

Scottish Gas Board Band (Bellshill, Lanarkshire)

Active from the 1940s through to the 1990s. Renamed Milnwood Concert Brass c. 1981, and then Bellshill and District Band c.1991. The band in 1955 consisted of: Conductor: D.M. Macbrayne; Soprano: William Hunter; Solo Cornet: James McKirdy, John Grenfell, Alexander McKinlay, James Brackenridge; Repiano Cornet: Evan Jones; 2nd Cornet: John McKay, Edward Andrews; 3rd Cornet: Hugh Forster, Michael Kirk; Flugel: Hugh O'Neil; Solo Horn: Robert Reid; 1st Horn: William McIntyre; 2nd Horn: James Murphy; 1st Baritone: John C. Cairns; 2nd Baritone: James Scott; Euphonium: Alistair Campbell, David Neilson; 1st Trombone: Alexander Jenkins; 2nd Trombone: Joseph Hurrell, Robert Houston; Bass Trombone: Alec McLean; Eb Bass: Benjamin Carroll, Andrew McNulty; BBb Bass: Jack Williamson, William Dickie; Secretary: D.M. Macbrayne

South Metropolitan Gas Company Band (Rotherhithe, Surrey)

See: Rotherhithe Gas Company Brass Band

South Metropolitan Gas Company Band (Deptford, Kent)

Active in 1894. Still active in 1905. Conductor D. Boulden in 1894, T. Ryman in 1896, Mr Ryan in 1900, E.J. Thomas in 1905. The band of the West Greenwich works of the gas company, which was located on Old Kent Road

Southall Gaslight and Coke Band (Middlesex)

See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band

Southall Gasworks Brass Band (1) (Middlesex)

Founded in 1886. Made its first appearance at the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Party held in Southall Park 29th June, 1887. Still active in 1888. A successor band was formed in 1898

Southall Gasworks Brass Band (2) (Middlesex)

Formed in 1898. Bandmaster R.B. Wheatley in 1898, W. Gray in 1904. Later bandmasters were Messrs Sims, Goodall and Soop. In 1894 the Gasworks in Southall were still called "Chemical Works". The band was formed around the time of the amalgamation of Brentford and Southall Gasworks. Conductor J. Gray in 1904. Robert Snelling and his brother Richard had conducted the Southall SA Band, Richard prior to Eric Ball taking over the Band master position in 1925. Arthur Snelling, left the SA band and played for the Gasworks band on trombone after the Great War. The band eventually folded around 1950, three years after the nationalisation of the gas industry, due to the withdrawal of support from the Southall works. Also known as Brentford Gas Company Band, and Gas Light and Coke Company Band.

Southall Metropolitan Gasworks Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band

Spon Lane Brass Band (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

See: Spon Lane Gasworks Brass Band

Spon Lane Gasworks Brass Band (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

Active in 1856 and into the 1860s

Stepney Gas Workers' Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Stepney Gasworks Band

Stepney Gas Workers' Trade Union Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Stepney Gasworks Band

Stepney Gasworks Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1895. Still active in 1907, when it played at the dinner for the Sandwich Men of London, on Christmas Eve. Conductor G. Edwards in 1900-1901

West Ham Gasworks Band (Essex)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s. May have been a "reed band" rather than brass band.

Energy - oil

Amoco Band (Crookhall, Durham)

See: Crookhall Colliery Band

Briths Fuels (Parc and Dare) Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Parc and Dare Band

Broxburn Oil Works Brass Band (West Lothian)

Active in the 1870s. Still active in 1887. The company produced oil from shale. When the band disbanded, its instruments were handed over by Mr N.M. Henderson of the Oil Company to the Broxburn Old Town Brass Band.

Crookhall Colliery Band (Durham)

Founded in 1924 as the Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band, led the championship tables in the North-East in the 1950s and 60s. Known as Crookhall Bradley Band in 1966/7. Following the colliery's closure sponsorship came from Patchogue Plymouth, a fibres division of the American oil company Amoco, and the band became the Patchogue Plymouth Amoco Band. The parent company were impressed with the band to the extent it took over the sponsorship and the band became the Amoco Band in around 1976. However it did not last and the band folded around 1980.

Dee Oil Company Works Brass Band (Saltney, Flintshire)

Active in 1883 to 1885

National Oil Refineries Band (Llandarcy, Glamorgan)

Active in the 1920s

Parc and Dare Band (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1893 - Former names: Cwmparc Temperance Drum and Fife Band, Cwmparc Silver Band, Briths Fuels (Parc & Dare) Band, Parc & Dare Workmen's Silver Band. Secretary R. Boundford in 1894. *[Further information - see: Watkins, Ron - National Fuel Distributors Band (Parc & Dare) Centenary 1893-1993 - 1993; Evans, Avril - A life divine The life and times of Parc and Dare Band - Parc and Dare Band, 2005. ISBN: 9780955713507]*. Conductor in 1900, J.D. Treharne. In the 1890s a contest was held at Pontcymmer and the musicians carried their instruments on the six-mile trek across the mountain tops. Under the baton of Mr Treherne they performed brilliantly, even if all the lights in the hall blew out, and left with the first prize. Obtained a new bandroom in 1903

Saltney Oil Works Band (Flintshire)

See: Dee Oil Company Works Brass Band

Fabrics manufacturing

BMP Europe Goodshaw Band (Lancashire)

[current band] - Founded in 1867 - Former names: Goodshawfold Brass Band (to c.1904), Goodshaw Prize Band, Goodshaw Crawshawbooth, Goodshaw Band. Conductor Henry Trickett in 1885

Brentford Nylons Band (Northumberland)

Active in the 1970s. Based at the Brentford Nylons factory at Cramlington.

Ferguslie Thread Works Brass Band (Paisley, Renfrewshire)

See: J. and P. Coats Ltd Brass Band

Helme and Co.'s Mill Brass Band (Halton, Lancashire)

Founded in early 1884. The mill manufactured oilcloth, baize and leathercloth

J. and P. Coats Ltd Brass Band (Paisley, Renfrewshire)

Founded in 1885. Still active in 1905. Coats Ltd is a thread and weaving business established in Paisley in the early 1800s. Also known as Ferguslie Brass Band. Conductor H. Cox in 1900-1901. A concert in Brodie Park in August 1901 was: Right o' the Line (G.O. Walker), The Crown of Honour (Charles Richards), Love and Life in Vienna (Carl Komzak), Maritana (Wallace), Helensburgh (Scholes), Hibernia (J. Grady), The Homeland Welcome to Our Warriors (W. Williams), Russian Spur Dance (George Arch), Reminiscences of Scotland (F. Godfrey), On Wings of Love (Dawson).

St George's Works Brass Band (Lancaster, Lancashire)

Founded in 1883. Still active in 1885, 20 players in the band. Conductor R. Woodhouse in 1885. Attached to Williamson's factory producing oilcloth and linoleum.

Fabrics - bleaching

Blair and Sumner's Brass Band (Bolton, Lancashire)

See: Messrs Blair and Sumner's Brass Band

Bleaching Works Brass Band (Catrine, Ayrshire)

See: Catrine Bleaching Works Brass Band

Catrine Bleaching Works Brass Band (1) (Ayrshire)

Active in 1856 to the early 1890s. Conductor Robert Ross in 1857, Robert Lyle in 1885-1889. Attached to the bleaching works at the James Finlay and Sons Cotton Mill. A successor band was formed in 1893

Catrine Bleaching Works Brass Band (2) (Ayrshire)

Founded in March 1893 by Robert Lyle, with some of the members of the previous band. Still active in 1906. Conductor John Carson/Carron in 1903-1905

Gilnow Bleachworks Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1856

Messrs Blair and Sumner's Brass Band (Bolton, Lancashire)

Active in 1854. Blair and Sumner's Bleachworks were located at Mill Hill on the banks of the River Tonge

Mill Hill Bleachworks Band (Bolton, Lancashire)

See: Messrs Blair and Sumner's Brass Band

Rhodes Bleach Works Band (Middleton, near Chadderton, Lancashire)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s - linked to the Bleach and Dye Works at Rhodes, near Middleton. It was disbanded on 9th December 1909. A concert at St Michael's Flagg park, in August 1903, with conductor J.H. White, consisted of: Hymn; March: Silver Trumpets (Viviani); Overture: Poet & Peasant (Suppé); Fantasia: Joan of Arc (Round); Trombone solo: Ora Pro Nobilis (Piccolomini); Selection: Idomeneo (Mozart); Air Varie: Eventide (Rimmer); Chorus: The Heavens are Telling (Haydn).

Fabrics – clothing production



A. Turner and Co.'s Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: Messrs A. Turner and Co.'s Brass Band

Balbriggan Brass Band (Fingal)

Active in 1871, leader J. Phelan. Still active in 1898. Associated with Messrs Smyth and Co. - which were hosiery manufacturers. Possibly contemporary with, or replaced by, the St Patrick's Brass Band (Balbriggan) which began in 1883

Beaumont Works Brass Band (St Albans, Hertfordshire)

Active in the 1900s. Based at the Nicholson and Co. (Coat Specialists) Ltd factory in Sutton Road.

Bristol King Square Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs James Smith and Sons' Brass Band

Bristol Shoemakers' Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs James Smith and Sons' Brass Band

- Cinderella Shoe Works Brass Band** (Worcester, Worcestershire)
See: Willis Shoe Works Brass Band
- Cook's Brass Band** (Twerton, Somerset)
See: Messrs W. and R. Cook's Brass Band
- Corah and Sons' Brass Band** (Leicester, Leicestershire)
See: St Margaret's Works Brass Band
- Corah's Brass Band** (Leicester, Leicestershire)
See: St Margaret's Works Brass Band
- Crick and Sons' Brass Band** (Leicester, Leicestershire)
See: Messrs Crick and Sons' Brass Band
- Deacon Street Brass Band** (Leicester, Leicestershire)
See: Messrs Luke Turner and Co.'s Brass Band
- Derham's Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
See: Messrs Derham Brothers' Brass Band
- Dunn's Tailors' Labour Agency Literary Institute Brass Band** (Newington, Surrey)
 Active in 1866 to 1869
- Fishponds House Boot & Shoe Factory Brass Band** (Fishponds, Gloucestershire)
 Active in 1862, conductor J. Briggs. The factory was owned by Henry Collyer Massingham, who was very interested in the welfare of his large workforce. He started brass and fife bands for the men, buying all the instruments himself and paying the bandmasters.
- G.U.S. (Footwear) Band** (Northamptonshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Virtuosi GUS Band
- Galway Clog Factory Brass Band** (Galway)
 Active in 1869
- Goldsmith's Brass Band** (Trowbridge, Wiltshire)
See: Messrs J. and W. Goldsmith's Brass Band
- Gouldsmith's Brass Band** (Trowbridge, Wiltshire)
See: Messrs J. and W. Goldsmith's Brass Band
- Greenfield Flannel Mills Band** (Flintshire)
 Active in the 1900s
- Haberdashers' Company's Hoxton Schools Brass Band** (Hoxton, Middlesex)
 Active in 1880 to 1889. The day schools, for 400 boys and 300 girls, were located in Pitfield Street. Fees per term were 28s including stationery, books and lunch-time meals
- Hadden's Brass Band** (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)
See: Hadden's Factory Brass Band
- Hadden's Factory Brass Band** (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)
 Active in 1858, conductor E.H. Turpin. Still active in 1860. J.H. Hadden & Co. were a hosiery manufacturer, making knitted goods on circular frames. Also known as the Stanford Club Brass Band. In June 1862 the members of the band resolved to join the Robin Hood Rifles as volunteers and were attached to the Newcastle Company, thereafter being known as the Newcastle Company Rifles Band. Not know if this band is related to the later Robin Hood Rifles Band in the 1870s
- Hine and Mundella's Brass Band** (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)
 Active in 1868. The company were hosiery manufacturers - the first to use steam-powered circular knitting machines

Hodges and Sons' Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: Messrs Hodges and Sons' Brass Band

Howlett and White's Brass Band (Norwich, Norfolk)

See: Messrs Howlett and White's Brass Band

James Smith and Sons' Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs James Smith and Sons' Brass Band

JJB Sports Leyland Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Leyland Band

John White Footwear Brass Band (Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire)

Formed in 1953, gave its first concert in January 1954, disbanded in 1957. Made its broadcasting debut in 1955 with a concert relayed from the Parish Rooms in Higham Ferrers, George Thompson conducting. George Thompson had previously been the conductor of the Odhams Press Band. All the bandmen were employees of the John White Footwear organisation.

Kettering Town Silver Band (Northamptonshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1871 - Former names: Stanley's Band, Albert Brass Band - Note: Originally formed by workmen at the Stanley's Boot and Shoe Works, Albert Street. Conductor Warren East in 1879. F. Evans was tenor player in 1894.

Leicester St Margaret's Brass Band (Leicestershire)

See: St Margaret's Works Brass Band

Leyland Band (Lancashire)

[current band] - Founded in 1946 - Former names: Leyland Motors Band, Leyland Vehicles Band (1978), Leyland DAF Band (1987), BNFL Leyland Band (1992-96), JJB Sports Leyland band (1997-99), The Leyland Band (2000). *[Further information - see: Littlemore, Allan - JJB Leyland Band - 2000]*

Luke Turner's Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: Messrs Luke Turner and Co.'s Brass Band

Mancroft Works Brass Band (Norwich, Norfolk)

Active in 1885, conductor H.C. Jackson. The Mancroft factory was operated by James Southall & Company, who produced leather shoes and boots.

Messrs A. Turner and Co.'s Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active in 1869. Archibald Turner owned a fancy hosiery manufacturers

Messrs Corah and Sons' Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: St Margaret's Works Brass Band

Messrs Crick and Sons' Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active in 1861. Crick & Sons were boot and shoe manufacturers

Messrs Derham Brothers' Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol. Conductor Uriah Richardson in 1864-1865. Still active in 1868. Derham's were boot and shoe manufacturers

Messrs Edward Stillwell and Son's Brass Band (London)

Active in 1864. Edward Stillwell and Son, based at Barbican, were manufacturers of gold and silver lace and embroidery, military, naval and masonic clothing

Messrs Hadden's Brass Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)

See: Hadden's Factory Brass Band

Messrs Hodges and Sons' Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active in 1864, conductor J.A. Smith. Hodges and Sons were elastic web manufacturers, the company folding in 1881.

Messrs Howlett and White's Brass Band (Norwich, Norfolk)

Founded in 1892, conductor Mr Jackson. First public appearance at the annual meeting of the Clickers', Roughstuff Cutters' and Warehousemen's Sick Benefit Society, on Saturday 12th March 1892. Still active in the 1900s. Conductor J. Jones in 1905. Based at the Howlett and White Shoe factory. Also known as St George's Works Brass Band

Messrs J. and W. Goldsmith's Brass Band (Trowbridge, Wiltshire)

Formed in 1851. Leader W. Stevens. Still active in 1866. The Goldsmith's (or Gouldsmith's) were the sons of the principal cloth manufacturer of the town who, "being possessed of cultivated musical taste, and also being executants of no inconsiderable skill, formed the generous desire to extend to others the enjoyment which they themselves derive from 'the sweet art', and to provide a means of rational recreation for their industrial fellow townsmen. The resulting brass band practices twice a week". Most of the players were employees of the firm of Salter & Co. and played on original Adolphe Sax saxhorns.

Messrs J. and W. Gouldsmith's Private Sax Horn Band (Trowbridge, Wiltshire)

See: Messrs J. and W. Goldsmith's Brass Band

Messrs James Smith and Sons' Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1862. Still active in 1895. Also known as King Square Brass Band, Bristol Shoemakers' Brass Band. This was the works band of James Smith and Sons, boot and shoe manufacturers, 62, Castle Street, Bristol.

Messrs Luke Turner and Co.'s Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active from 1875 through the 1870s. Luke Turner manufactured elastic webbing used in clothing and upholstery at their Deacon Street works. Also known as the Deacon Street Brass Band

Messrs Rawson and Co.'s Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active in 1860, conductor J.A. Smith. John Rawsons Ltd were hosiery manufacturers

Messrs Smyth and Co. Brass Band (Balbriggan, Fingal)

See: Balbriggan Brass Band

Messrs W. and R. Cook's Brass Band (Twerton, Somerset)

Active in 1902, secretary George Henry Morgan. W.R. Cook's was a factory producing clothing, suits and similar, located on the Lower Bristol Road, opposite the start of Carrs Wood.

Messrs Waterman and Co.'s Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1865 to 1869. Leader Joseph Lucas in 1865. Conductor J.O. Brooke in 1866. Waterman's were boot and shoe makers

Messrs Willis Brass Band (Worcester, Worcestershire)

See: Willis Shoe Works Brass Band

Moon's Mill Brass Band (Higher Walton, Lancashire)

Active in 1884. Still active in 1892. The mill used to manufacture khaki cloth for the British Army

Munn and Felton Works Band (Northamptonshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Virtuosi GUS Band

Newcastle Company Robin Hood Rifles Brass Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)

See: Hadden's Factory Brass Band

Rawson's Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: Messrs Rawson and Co.'s Brass Band

Sanders' Independent Brass Band (Long Buckby, Northamptonshire)

Formed in 1875, conductor W.C. Wills. Their first performance was on July 4th 1875. Conductor A.E. Wills in 1887-1890, W.C. Wills in 1893. Sponsored by William Sanders who provided the instruments at a cost of £50, and who ran a shoe factory in the village and used the band for promotional events. However it seems to have been initially based on the Independent Chapel (Congregational) hence the name. Sanders eventually built some assembly rooms for the band to use. These still stand. The band accepted some reed instrumentalists, but reverted back to full brass. In the mid-1890s, due to Sanders no longer being able to guarantee the financial support, the band became the Long Buckby Town Band. Considerable rivalry existed between the Town Band and the Temperance Band. There is a very nice account of a fight between the two bands at an event in Silverstone. In 1940 it merged with Long Buckby Temperance Band to form the Long Buckby Home Guard Band.

Smyth and Co. Brass Band (Balbriggan, Fingal)

See: Balbriggan Brass Band

St George's Works Brass Band (Norwich, Norfolk)

See: Messrs Howlett and White's Brass Band

St Margaret's Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: St Margaret's Works Brass Band

St Margaret's Works Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active from 1860 into the 1890s. Conductor S. Taylor in 1877. The band was attached to the Nathaniel Corah and Sons Works, St Margaret's Works, Canning Place, which produced "Hosiery, Underwear and Outerwear"

Stillwell's Brass Band (London)

See: Messrs Edward Stillwell and Son's Brass Band

Symington's Works Brass Band (Market Harborough, Leicestershire)

Active in 1874. This was the works band of Symington's factory which manufactured corsets and stays.

Time Will Tell Factory Brass Band (Colchester, Essex)

Active in 1895. Still active in 1900. Based at the "Time Will Tell" boot and shoe factory which had been started by S.G. Knopp in Portland Road in 1870. The factory closed soon after Knopp's death in 1907.

Tubbs and Lewis' Brass Band (Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire)

Founded in May 1894, with 20 instrumentalists, conductor Mr Herrick. The instruments were funded by Mr Armitage (of the company). Tubbs, Lewis and Co manufactured elastic items for clothing (e.g. garters, support belts etc.)

Virtuosi GUS Band (Northamptonshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1933 - Former names: Munn And Felton Works Band, G.U.S. (Footwear) Band, Rigid Containers Group Band (1988), GUS Band, Travelsphere Holidays Band (to 2005), GUS Band (to 2006). [Further information - see: Eason, Kevin - Golden Brass: the 50th anniversary of the GUS Band - Chester Printers Ltd - 1983; Mutum, Tim - Virtuosi GUS Band - British Bandsman - (5790) 05-Oct 2013, pp. 10-13]

Waterman's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs Waterman and Co.'s Brass Band

Willis Shoe Works Brass Band (Worcester, Worcestershire)

Active in 1863, 1864. A works band of 18 employees from the Cinderella Shoe Works factory in Copenhagen Street, owned by Henry and John Willis (later J.F. Willis Co.)

Fabrics - cotton



Albion Mills Brass Band (Droylsden, Lancashire)

See: Albion Mills Temperance Band

Albion Mills Temperance Band (Droylsden, Lancashire)

Active in 1890 through to WW1. Players in 1902 included Harry Carr (conductor), J. Wilde, A. Carr and J. Wilkinson. Albion Mills were owned by Joseph Byrom and Sons, and had 22,548 spindles

Band of the Farnworth Cotton Mills (Lancashire)

See: Farnworth Old Band

Barnes' Mill Brass Band (Farnworth, Lancashire)

See: Farnworth Old Band

Birch Mills Brass Band (Heywood, Lancashire)

Active in 1892. Still active in 1902. In 1895 it competed at a contest at Chirk, conductor Tom Valentine

Bridge Mill Brass Band (Whitworth, Lancashire)

Active in 1855

Bright Brothers' Brass Band (Rochdale, Lancashire)

See: Fieldhouse Mills Brass Band

Bury Lane Brass Band (Glazebury, Lancashire)

Active in 1857. Performed at the opening of the Mechanics Institute at Bury Lane, Glazebury in 1860. Later became known as the Glazebury Brass Band. It was often referred to as the "Gill and Hartley's Mill Band", Gill and Hartley being the name of the owners of the corn mill who had sponsored the building of the Mechanics Institute. Competed in a contest in Leigh in 1884. Also known as Glazebury Church Brass Band. Performed a concert in Stanley Park, Blackpool in 1932 as Glazebury Prize Band. New instruments purchased for £108 in 1905. It competed at a high level in the brass band world in later years and was one of the first brass bands to broadcast live on the radio. When it

ceased playing in 1937, the secretary at the time blamed its demise on the radio for falling off in support for brass bands.

Buttershaw Mills Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the early 1860s into the 1880s. The Mill was located in Buttershaw and was built by the Bottomley Brothers in the 1850s. It advertised for a new conductor in 1865, to lead and teach the band, noting that a "wool sorter or warpdresser would be preferred as he will be required to work at the place". Conductor Mr Jackson in 1869

Clark's Mills Brass Band (Worsley, Lancashire)

Active in 1858

Cressbrook Mills Temperance Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1891 to 1898

Darley Abbey Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Founded in 1861, conductor T. Chell. Still active in 1885. Conductor F. Cawrey in 1885. Based at and supported by Messrs Evans' Boars Head cotton mills in the village.

Dean Mills Brass Band (Halliwell, Lancashire)

Active in 1851

Dean Works Brass Band (Halliwell, Lancashire)

See: Dean Mills Brass Band

Deanston Brass Band (Perthshire)

Formed in May 1853, conductor Mr Watts. Still active in 1901. Conductor Mr Jenkins in 1897. Mr Watts was the manager of the Adelphi Cotton Mill in Deanston, where most, if not all, of the band were employed. The mill was the first in Britain to produce its own coins and paper money for issue to its workers. This was designed to overcome a shortage of currency in circulation at the time (the late 1700s). When the mill closed it was converted into a whisky distillery. In 1858, a young boy named Daniel McDonald, who was a drummer in the band, lost an arm in an accident at the mill where he worked. Also known as Doune Brass Band by the locals

Deanston Works Brass Band (Perthshire)

See: Deanston Brass Band

Dicconson Mill Brass Band (Aspull, Lancashire)

Active in 1886. The mill was located at Aspull Moor and was owned by John Leigh and Brothers and, at its peak in 1891, had 20,000 spindles

Dunscar Brass Band (1) (Lancashire)

See: Dunscar Works Band

Dunscar Works Band (Lancashire)

Founded in 1887, bandmaster R. Kay. Active into the 1890s. They attended a contest in Bromley Cross arranged by the Eagley Band in 1888. The contest took the form of a quickstep from Eagley Bridge to the Spread Eagle Pub where the band secured a first prize of £1. Later in the day the bands played a Waltz and Polka, but unfortunately the band could not repeat its success of the morning. The Dunscar Works were a cotton manufactory, which were the first to introduce "beetling" - pounding the fabric to give a flat, lustrous effect.

Eagley Brass Band (2) (Lancashire)

[current band] - Founded in 1851 by Mr Briggs of Darwen, but then fell by the wayside. Then Messrs. Chadwick Brothers, sewing cotton manufacturers, came to the rescue and provided all expenses and funded new instruments in 1882. Started contesting in 1887 and in that first year attended 5 contests winning 4 prizes, value £50. Conductor W. Wood in 1879, Ralph Kay in 1885-

1905. Secretary Charles Cook in 1905. - Former names: Eagley Sunday School Band, Eagley Band, Eagley Mills Band, Eagley Mills Prize, Band.
- Eagley Mills Brass Band** (Lancashire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Eagley Brass Band
- Edgeley Mills Brass Band** (Cheshire)
 Active in the 1880s
- Factory Street Brass Band** (Barton Hill, Gloucestershire)
 Active in 1889. Possibly associated with the Great Western Cotton Factory
- Farington Mill Brass Band** (Lancashire)
 Active from 1883, conductor J. Marsden. Still active in the 1930s
- Farington Mill Subscription Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Farington Mill Brass Band
- Farnworth Old Band** (Lancashire)
 Formed in 1848 by Thomas Barnes, a mill owner, originally known as Band of the Farnworth Cotton Mills, later as Barnes' Band, Tapps Rifles' Band (c.1860), Farnworth Old (Barnes') Band, Farnworth Old Band, West Lancs Home Guard Band (during WW2), and Farnworth Old Band (to 1990) when it merged with Eaton (Truck Components) Band to form Eaton Farnworth Brass Band. In the 1870s the band was associated with the local volunteers (76th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers), reverting to Farnworth Brass Band in 1880. For a full history of the band, see: Walker, Matthew - The History of Farnworth and Walkden Brass Band - 2004
- Fieldhouse Mills Brass Band** (Rochdale, Lancashire)
 Active in 1881. Still active in 1883. Secretary John Naden in 1883. The Fieldhouse cotton mills were operated by John Bright and owned by the Bright brothers. He was known as an unyielding, unsympathetic mill owner, and it is surprising that a band flourished under his patronage, albeit towards the end of his life.
- Gill and Hartley's Mill Band** (Glazebury, Lancashire)
See: Bury Lane Brass Band
- Gillett's Brass Band** (Chorley, Lancashire)
See: Messrs Gillett's Brass Band
- Greenfield Mill Brass Band** (Hyde, Cheshire)
 Active in 1858
- Haworth's Mills Band** (Salford, Lancashire)
 Founded in 1886
- Heywood Mills Brass Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
 Conductor J. Ellwood, leader W. Kershaw in 1860.
- Hollingworth Mills Brass Band** (Cheshire)
 Active around 1900
- Hollins Mill Brass Band** (Marple, Cheshire)
 Active in 1861 and through the 1870s. Founded by Thomas Carver, the owner of Hollins Mill who took it over in 1859. Conductor Wright Bowers in 1868
- Hopwood Victoria Mills Brass Band** (Wigan, Lancashire)
 Active in 1870
- Howarth Mill Brass Band** (Salford, Lancashire)
 Active from the mid-1880s to the 1900s
- Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band** (Yorkshire (East Riding))
 Formed in mid-1855 with sixteen performers on saxhorns. "Mr Browne of Silver Street was the music superintendent, and on a march through the town the band was well received." Still active in the early 1860s

Kingston Cotton Mills Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band

Kingston Mills Brass Band (Hyde, Cheshire)

Active in 1870, conductor Reuben Taylor. Based at the Kingston cotton mill in Hyde, Cheshire, and formed by the mill manager, Henry Clayton. The mill was owned by John Sidebotham, and it was operating in 1834 (and probably earlier). The band commenced contesting in 1872 and, by 1888, had won many prizes including a hat-trick at the British Open in 1885, 1886 and 1887 under the baton of John Gladney. By 1890 it was earning fabulous sums from its contesting and concert giving. It fell upon poor times after 1901 and, after the Second World War, a nucleus of the remaining members formed the Hyde British Legion Band. In 1896, the secretary was Thomas Ogden, and in 1902 it was John Knowles. A. Scott played euphonium in 1901. A picture of the band shows it with a drum stating "1837-1897" implying the band was formed in 1837. Folded at or during WW2. [Further information - see: Helme, Chris - The world's finest band in 1887 (Kingston Mills Band) - British Bandsman - (5724) 30-Jun 2012, pp. 27-29]

Kingston Mills Reserve Band (Hyde, Cheshire)

Active in the 1890s

Lochwinnoch Mill Brass Band (Renfrewshire)

Active in the 1850s, players were employed at the local cotton mills. Contemporary with the Lochwinnoch "Auld Toun" Brass Band

Lostock Junction Mill Brass Band (Bolton, Lancashire)

See: Lostock Mill Brass Band

Lostock Mill Brass Band (Bolton, Lancashire)

Active in the early 1870s and 1880s. Conductor W. Heaton in 1879, Mr Range in 1881. Also known as Lostock Junction Mill Brass Band. Associated with T. & J. Heaton's Mill, Lostock Junction

Lowerhouse Mills Silver Band (Burnley, Lancashire)

Formed around 1920 by Burnley councillor Captain Sherston, in connection with John Dugdale & Co., Lowerhouse Mill. Its first bandmaster was William George Tregilgas (b.1888). Conductor Herbert Sutcliffe in 1931. Disbanded in 1938.

Mayfield Factory Brass Band (Portlaw, Waterford)

Active in 1862. The factory was owned by Malcomson Bros. and produced cotton.

Messrs Bright Brothers' Brass Band (Rochdale, Lancashire)

See: Fieldhouse Mills Brass Band

Messrs Evans' Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Darley Abbey Brass Band

Messrs Gillett's Brass Band (Chorley, Lancashire)

Active in 1868. Possibly linked to one of the cotton mills in Chorley

Messrs Greenhalgh's Brass Band (Mansfield, Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1850 - the band was associated with Herbert Greenhalgh's cotton doubling mills. One of his mills, Field Mill, had possibly the largest water wheel in the country. It was 40 feet in diameter, 10 feet wide and possessed 124 buckets

Mill Hill Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1853, conductor George Ellis. Associated with the spinning and weaving mills owned by George Whiteley & Co., who also had a juvenile drum and fife band attached to the works. The spinning factory had 30,000 mule

spindles and the weaving shed 480 looms powered by a double beam engine by Woods Bros. of Sowerby Bridge. Still active in 1881

New Hall Hey Mills Band (Lancashire)

Active from the late 1850s to the 1900s

Newhallhey Mills Brass Band (Lancashire)

See: New Hall Hey Mills Band

Oxford Mills Brass Band (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire)

Active in 1870. The Oxford cotton mills were owned by Hugh Mason. Known as Oxford Mills Reed and Brass Band in 1883

Oxford Mills Reed and Brass Band (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire)

See: Oxford Mills Brass Band

Pin Mill Brass Band (Ardwick, Lancashire)

Active in 1881

Ponden Band (Haworth, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1854, founded by John Heaton of Ponden, who owned the cotton mill and the corn mill. The band had the job of playing at a celebration in Haworth at the conclusion of the Crimean war. The band moved to Dry Clough (just north of Pickles Hill) later in the 1850s for the convenience of some of the members. This "Dry Clough Band" then split up by the end of the 1850s, some members going to the Spring Head Band, others to the Lumbfoot Band.

Ponden Mill Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Ponden Band

Powder Cotton Works Band (Kent)

Disbanded in the 1930s

Staley Mill Brass Band (Stalybridge, Cheshire)

Active in 1860, formed and supported by the Staley Mill Company

Sunnyside Mill Brass Band (Daubhill, Lancashire)

Active in 1869, conductor Mr Pearson

Victoria Mills Brass Band (Hopwood, Lancashire)

See: Hopwood Victoria Mills Brass Band

Waterhead Brass Band (Oldham, Lancashire)

Active from the mid-1860s to the late 1940s. Conductor John Haigh in 1861, S. Needham in 1868. Secretary George E. Whitehead in 1885. Also known as Waterhead Mill Brass Band, and Waterhead Public Band around 1910

Waterhead Mill Brass Band (Oldham, Lancashire)

See: Waterhead Brass Band

Fabrics - dyeing

Atlas Dye Works Brass Band (Homerton, Middlesex)

Active in 1875, conductor Mr Phemister

Clayton Aniline Works Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Formed in December 1943, disbanded in 1956. Conductor E.C. Buttress in 1953. They shared the bill with a young Julie Andrews in a charity concert at Belle Vue, Manchester on October 5th 1955.

Green's Dye Works Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1872

Hoxton Dye Works Band (Middlesex)

See: Wilson's Dye Works Amateur Brass Band

Oates Inghams Brass Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1869 by Harry Whittaker. Based at the Oates, Ingham & Sons Dye Works, also known as the Valley Dye Works Brass Band. Still active in 1882

Pullar's Brass Band (Perth, Perthshire)

Formed in March 1881 as a works band for the local family-run dyeing and drycleaning organisation. Conductor F.C. Gorin in 1881-1884. Still active in 1895. Just ahead of the opening of the Perth Opera House in 1881 Robert Pullar purchased a full range of brass band instruments, including two dozen music stands and music sheets for his North British Dye Works employees. The instruments, valued at £300, were presented to the workmen by Robert Pullar and he intended the band would be available for concerts each winter for the new public hall, and in parks in the summer. In April 1895 the band was "gifted" by Pullar's to the town of Perth

Scottish Dyes Band (Grangemouth, Stirlingshire)

Band linked to the Scottish Dyes company, set up in 1919 by James Morton. In 1928 the company's assets were acquired by the British Dyestuffs Corporation, which became the Duestuffs Division of I.C.I. The band was later known as I.C.I. Recreational Band

Valley Dye Works Brass Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Oates Inghams Brass Band

Wilson's Dye Works Amateur Brass Band (Hoxton, Middlesex)

Active in 1866 through to the 1880s. Also known as Hoxton Dye Works Band

Fabrics - lace

Anglo-Scotian Mills Brass Band (Borrowash, Derbyshire)

Active in 1890 and through the 1890s, conductor J. Towle in 1892. Secretary Mr Sharpe in 1892. The mills were owned by Messrs Wilkinson & Company and produced lace

Messrs Wilkinson and Co.'s Brass Band (Borrowash, Derbyshire)

See: Anglo-Scotian Mills Brass Band

Wilkinson and Co.'s Brass Band (Borrowash, Derbyshire)

See: Anglo-Scotian Mills Brass Band

Fabrics - linen

Alexander Watson's Brass Band (Kemback, Fife)

See: Messrs Alexander Watson's Works Brass Band

Barrowfield Spinning Company Instrumental Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in 1856

Blebo Works Brass Band (Kemback, Fife)

See: Messrs Alexander Watson's Works Brass Band

Camperdown Brass Band (2) (Lochee, Dundee, Angus)

See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

Camperdown Jute Works Band (Lochee, Dundee, Angus)

See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

Camperdown Linen Works Band (Lochee, Dundee, Angus)

Active in the early 1870s. Still active in the early 1900s. Conductor R.H. Warren in 1876. It was re-organised in 1881, after support from the works dwindled, with a new committee (president James C. Cox, vice president Baillie Perrie, treasurer W.M. Ogilvie, secretary Alexander Elliott) and renamed the Lochee Operative Brass Band, with Andrew Johnstone as the conductor - who was still at the helm in 1891-1896. It seems to have reverted to Camperdown Brass Band. In 1884 the members had managed to obtain their own instruments and the band became the Lochee Trades Instrumental Band, or Lochee Brass Band. Still maintained association with the Jute Works. The Camperdown Works at one point employed almost 6,000 workers and was, for a time, the world's largest jute works. W. Greig was trombone player in 1895. A concert programme in July 1893 consisted of: The Bonnie Lass of Ballochmyle (Maddock), Lyric Gems of Scotland (Maddock), Lily Queen (Metcalf), Irish Erin (Metcalf), St Andrew (H. Round), Daisy Dell (Metcalf). A concert programme in June 1895 consisted of: Goodbye Sweetheart Goodbye (J.L. Hatton), Nelson (A. Johnston), Lyric Gems of Scotland (W. Maddock), Dying Christian (Harwood), May Breezes (T.H. Right), Caledonians (H. Round), The Queen's Visit. Conductor Leonard Walker in 1899. A concert programme in June 1900 was: Zulu (J. Jubbs), Gabriani (G. Allan), Queen of Lillies (Metcalf), Utopia (W. Rimmer), Robes of Splendour (G. Wadsworth), Rosy Cheeks (G. Allan), En Route (J. Finney).

Comber Spinning Mill Brass Band (County Down)

Edenderry Factory Brass Band (Portadown, County Armagh)

See: Messrs Watson, Armstrong and Company's Brass Band

Grandholm Brass Band (Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire)

Active from 1860 to the 1930s. Attached to the Grandholm woolen mills at Woodside, Aberdeen. In 1859 Crombie's took over the Grandholm mill of Leys, Masson & Co. Conductors: William Cameron in 1879-81, Alex Hutton (Hadden?) in 1883, Mr Rae in 1886, John Davidson in 1889, P. Tocher in 1893, John Rae in 1902, John L. Melvin in 1903-1924. Secretary Alexander Bowman in 1883. Also known as Woodside and Grandholm Band

Grandholm Works Brass Band (Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire)

See: Grandholm Brass Band

Hull Flax and Cotton Mills Harmonic Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in the 1840s to the 1860s

Jute Works Brass Band (Lochee, Dundee, Angus)

See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

Lochee Brass Band (3) (Dundee, Angus)

See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

Lochee Operative Brass Band (Dundee, Angus)

See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

Lochee Trades Instrumental Brass Band (Dundee, Angus)

See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

Messrs Alexander Watson's Works Brass Band (Kemback, Fife)

Active in 1862. Alexander Watson & Son were flax spinners at the Blebo Works, Dura Den

Messrs Herdman's Brass Band (Sion Mills, County Tyrone)

See: Sion Mills Brass Band

Messrs Watson, Armstrong and Company's Brass Band (Portadown, County Armagh)

Active in 1868. Watson and Armstrong operated a large linen weaving factory

Mullan Mills Brass Band (Monaghan)

Active in 1874

New York Mill Band (Summerbridge, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in the 1850s and folded shortly after WW1. Its last recorded engagement was in July 1919. It had an altercation with the Pateley Bridge Band in 1857 when both were playing in Pateley. As the New York Band was leaving the town, Joseph Stobbs from Pateley Band rushed into them with his instrument, whereupon there was a general "encounter" between the bandmen. The police interfered and were treated with "great barbarity", resulting in Joseph Stobbs and William Fryer being arrested and fined £6 each.

Shepley Flax Mills Brass Band (Audenshaw, Lancashire)

Active in 1866. The Shepley Mills were operated by Crawford Rogerson & Co.

Shrigley Mills Brass Band (County Down)

Active in 1862

Sion Mills Brass Band (County Tyrone)

Active in 1845. Still active in 1894. Brothers James, John and George Herdman established a flax spinning mill here in 1835 and founded the band in the 1840s. Conductor Mr Griggs in 1870, David Hill in 1879-1880, James Connolly in 1884-1894.

Watson, Armstrong and Company's Brass Band (Portadown, County Armagh)

See: Messrs Watson, Armstrong and Company's Brass Band

West Gate Flax Mill Brass Band (Drogheda, Louth)

Active in 1864

Fabrics - silk

Chadwick's Mill Brass Band (Westhoughton, Lancashire)

Active in 1856. Formed by employees of John Chadwick's Silk Mill

Harden Mills Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1850s and 1860s. The mill was situated at Harden, near Bingley.

Lansil Works Brass Band (Lancaster, Lancashire)

Active in the late 1940s. The Cellulose Acetate Silk Co. opened their works after WW2 in the, now redundant, National Projectile Factory, Caton Road, Lancaster, later changing its name to Lansil (Lancaster Silk) in 1937.

Messrs Philips and Co. Brass Band (Tean, Staffordshire)

Active in 1867 to 1896. Conductor F. Charsley in 1867. This band was connected to the Philips Silk Mill at Tean, where they made red ribbon, among other products, and which was the origin of the phrase "tied up in red tape". J. & N. Philips also manufactured hats and textiles such as linen smallwares, silks and fustians.

Philips and Co. Brass Band (Tean, Staffordshire)

See: Messrs Philips and Co. Brass Band

Silk Mill Brass Band (Westhoughton, Lancashire)

See: Chadwick's Mill Brass Band

Fabrics - tanning



Unknown tannery brass band, Warrington

Bermondsey Tannery Brass Band (Surrey)

See: Messrs Bevington's Brass Band

Bevington's Tannery Brass Band (Bermondsey, Surrey)

See: Messrs Bevington's Brass Band

Edenbridge Tanners' Brass Band (Kent)

See: Edenbridge Tannery Brass Band

Edenbridge Tannery Brass Band (Kent)

Active in the early 1890s. Still active in 1906. Conductor H. Jeffrey in 1895, bandmaster William Smith in 1901. Contemporary with the Edenbridge Town Band. The tannery was operated by T.H. Whitmore and Son.

Gallowgate Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

See: Messrs Pattinson and Sons' Brass Band

- Hepburn and Co. Brass Band** (Dartford, Kent)
See: Priory Works Brass Band
- Highfield Tannery Silver Band** (Runcorn, Cheshire)
 Active in the 1900s
- Holmes Hull Tannery Band** (Yorkshire (East Riding))
 Active in 1845, leader Thomas Martin
- Hunslet Leather Works Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1856. Competed in the contest at the Hull Zoological Gardens in 1857. Linked to the Spanish Leather Works in Leeds.
- Kirkstall Tannery Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Leeds Joppa Brass Band
- Leeds Joppa Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor in 1856 was Charles Wilby. The band was attached to the Joppa Tannery, located on Kirkstall Road, which employed up to 400 people producing "upper leather" for shoes.
- Leeds Joppa Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor in 1856 was Charles Wilby. The band was attached to the Joppa Tannery, located on Kirkstall Road, which employed up to 400 people producing "upper leather" for shoes.
- Messrs Bevington's Brass Band** (Bermondsey, Surrey)
 Founded in 1860. Still active in 1889. Conductor W. Ward in 1866-1868. Bevingtons and Sons occupied the Neckinger Mills in Bermondsey and were the foremost tannery in the area. Also known as Neckinger Mills Brass Band
- Messrs J.G. Hepburn and Co. Brass Band** (Dartford, Kent)
See: Priory Works Brass Band
- Messrs Pattinson and Sons' Brass Band** (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
 Active in 1863 to 1866, conductor Mr Cuthbertson. Robert Pattinson's were a company of tanners and leather manufacturers, located in Gallowgate.
- Messrs S. Plenty and Son's Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
 Active in 1875. Plenty & Sons operated the Great Western Tannery in Pennywell Road - and were fellmongers, tanners, leather dressers and woolstaplers
- Messrs T.H. Whitmore and Son's Brass Band** (Edenbridge, Kent)
See: Edenbridge Tannery Brass Band
- Neckinger Mills Brass Band** (Bermondsey, Surrey)
See: Messrs Bevington's Brass Band
- Pattinson and Sons' Brass Band** (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
See: Messrs Pattinson and Sons' Brass Band
- Penketh Tannery Brass Band** (Lancashire)
 Active in 1901 through to the late 1930s. Conductor J.H. Harper in 1902-1903, D.Dobson in 1928-1929
- Plenty and Son's Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
See: Messrs S. Plenty and Son's Brass Band
- Priory Works Brass Band** (Dartford, Kent)
 Active in 1865. Still active in 1872. The band consisted of workers from J.G. Hepburn & Co., which was a tannery works and leather manufacturer.
- Sheepscar Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Sheepscar Leather Works Brass Band
- Sheepscar Leather Works Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1858. Conductor T. Williams in 1860.

Sheepscar Spanish Leather Works Sax Horn Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sheepscar Leather Works Brass Band

Spanish Leather Works Brass Band (Hunslet, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Hunslet Leather Works Band

Spanish Leather Works Brass Band (Sheepscar, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sheepscar Leather Works Brass Band

Whitmore and Son's Brass Band (Edenbridge, Kent)

See: Edenbridge Tannery Brass Band

Fabrics - wool



Hinchliffe Mill Brass Band

Akroyd's Brass Band (Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding))

A band formed by the workers at the worsted mills of James Akroyd & Son

Allerton Mill Brass Band (near Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1865

Alpaca Brass Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1893 to 1905. Alpaca wool was the basis of Titus Salt's woollen empire, culminating in the village of Saltaire. There was an Alpaca Mill at this time which may have been linked to the band. A concert at Bradford Moor Park in June 1904 was, in the afternoon: Lefevre (Allan), Il Matrimonio Segreto (Cimroso), Lucrezia Borgia (Donizetti), San Toy (Sidney Jones), River of Pearls (Rimmer), Jupiter (Frost), Song of the Rhineland (Round), and in the evening: Steady and True (Allsopp), Pirates of Penzance (Sullivan), I Puritani (Bellini), Crown of Love (Rimmer), Gems from Carl Roas (Round), Prince and Peasant (Round).

Black Dyke Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1855 - Former names: Black Dyke Mills Band, John Foster Black Dyke Mills Band. [Further information - see: Spencer, J - History of the Black Dike Mills Band, including List of Prizes Won - Queensbury, 1904; Dean, Frank - The Magic Of Black Dyke - Frank Dean - 1980; Anon - John Foster Black Dyke Mills Band - Printissimo - 1987; Clay, John H. - Black Dyke: An Inside Story - Jagrins Publications, 2006; Newsome, Roy - 150 Golden Years - The History of Black Dyke Band - World of Brass Publications, London, 2005, ISBN: 0854127410; Wilkinson, Andrew Morley - The social and cultural history of Black Dyke Mills Band c.1900-c.1970 : change and continuity in the life of a leading brass band - PhD Thesis, Leeds Beckett University, 2013]

Black Dyke Mills Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: *Black Dyke Band*

Blackburn Valley Brass Band (Barkisland, Lancashire)

Active in 1909. Renamed Krumlin Mills Brass Band in the 1930s and back to Blackburn Valley Brass Band in the 1950s and 1960s.

Brewin and Whetstone Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Founded in autumn 1859, conductor J. Gamble, from workers at Brewin & Whetstone's worsted spinners factory on Frog Island

Bridge Street Mill Band (Witney, Oxfordshire)

Formed in 1880. Still active in 1899

Bury Public Silver Band (Lancashire)

Formed as Heap Bridge Brass Band in 1877 by members of Heap Bridge United Methodist Church. In 1881 it became connected with the firm of Messrs. B. and G. Wrigley, woollen manufacturers and was known as Heap Bridge Mills Brass Band and was conducted by John Peers. Began contesting that year and during the period to 1888 had won 14 prizes. A new set of instruments, value £400 and uniforms £120 were purchased in 1882. Known as 1st Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Band (later the Band of the Territorial Army 5th Battalion) between 1891 and 1918. After the war, they reverted to the title of Heap Bridge Brass Band. Became Bury Fire Brigade Band in 1939, and reformed in January 1946 as Bury Public Silver Band. Still active in 1956. Records of the band, from 1885-1914, are held at Bury Archive Service

Castle Mills Brass Band (Kendal, Westmorland)

Active in 1861 to 1867

Compstall Brass Band (Cheshire)

Founded in 1850. Also known as Compstall Bridge Band and Compstall Mills Band. Conductor Henry Tymme in 1860. Still active in the 1920s and disbanded sometime in the 1950s. Its last conductor was J Dearden. A band pavilion was erected by George Andrew for the use of the band in the grounds of the Athenaeum in Compstall in 1859. This bandstand was demolished during WW2

Compstall Mills Band (Cheshire)

See: *Compstall Brass Band*

Copley Mill Brass Band (1) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1857

Copley Mill Brass Band (2) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: *Copley Mills Brass Band*

Copley Mills Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1880. Sponsored by Messrs. James S. Ackroyd and Sons Mills in Halifax. It organised its own band contest in 1887. Conductor Walter Atkinson in 1889, Was still active in 1896.

Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1899. In 1939 the musical director, J.W. Lawton, resigned. T. Radcliffe and Co. Ltd., the manufacturers of Moderna blankets in Mytholmroyd, took over Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd band in Feb 1948 and gave them 12 months to prove their worth. On 1st January 1949 it changed name to Moderna Blanket Works Band. The band remained active through to the mid 1950s at least.

Eastwood Mill Brass Band (Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded around 1912. Formed by James Ickringill, a Victorian businessman and church founder, owner of Eastwood Mill, Keighley and Legrams Mill, Bradford - also created local Boys and Girls Brigades. He founded the "Good Lads Brigade" in 1911, which then became a brass band shortly thereafter

Elmwood Mills Brass Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1890s. The mill was operated by the Patent Woollen Cloth Company, making felt amongst other products, in Camp Road (now Elmwood Road)

Fison's Brass Band (Burley in Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Messrs William Fison and Co.'s Brass Band

Flush Mills Brass Band (Heckmondwike, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Heckmondwike Flush Mills Band

Foleshill Wool Factory Brass Band (Warwickshire)

Active in 1893. Possibly owned by Courtaulds

Gomersal Mills Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

The Gomersal Mills Band of Thomas Burnley's large woolcombers, worsted spinners and dyers, a large company based in Gomersal a small town on the outskirts of Leeds. Whilst the mill complex was in existence for about two centuries the band was formed in 1942. Conductors of the band have included Frank Braithwaite, R. Nevin, Norman Hudson, L.Scott, J.Hewitt, J. Walker, Harold Kemp and Luther Dyson. He had a notable contest success with the band in 1945 at the May Belle Vue contest Manchester when the band was placed 2nd in the class B section. The band's most notable contest win was in 1949 when it was awarded 1st prize at the Daily Herald fourth section finals at Belle Vue and a 1st prize in the 3rd section at the Filey Summer Festival the same year. At the concert following this festival the youngest player 8 year old Peter Teal played a cornet duet with the legendary cornet player Willie Lang of Black Dyke Mills Band. Whilst the band was up and down from the fourth and third sections it did have a purple patch during the 1970s when it was promoted to the second section. However, by 1979 it was in the fourth section. The band's last appearance at a contest appears from available research sources to have been at the 1979 Yorkshire area National Finals, St. George's Hall Bradford. A poor result followed and it would appear that the band folded the following year.

Hamlyn Brothers Brass Band (Buckfastleigh, Devon)

Active from 1870. Conductor William Tolchard in 1873-1893, Fred W. Tolchard in 1894-1901. Hamlyn Brothers operated woollen mills and a tannery in the town. In 1902 Esau Lee arrived from North Tawton to take over the conductorship of the band, at which time it was rename Buckfastleigh Town

Band. He remained its conductor until 1933. The band was still active to at least 1949.

Hays Mill Brass Band (Ovenden, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1847 - attached to the Hays Mill belonging to Thomas Taylor and Son.

Heap Bridge Mills Brass Band (Bury, Lancashire)

See: Bury Public Silver Band

Heckmondwike Flush Mills Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1859. Active through to the 1880s. In May 1884 it was "reformed under a fresh name". Details of the band which competed at the Crystal Palace in 1860, with their occupations, were: J.M. Sykes (conductor, cloth percher), Peter Mortimer (cornet, assistant), Saul Schofield (cornet, assistant), John Crowther (cornet, assistant), Ben Moore (cornet, overlooker), W.H. Fearnley (cornet, office clerk), G.T. Mortimer (cornet, spinner), Benjamin Firth (tenor saxhorn, office clerk), William Townend (tenor saxhorn, loom turner), Abraham Fownthorp (euphonium, warehouseman), John Fearnley (euphonium, warehouseman), Sutcliffe Greenwood (baritone, warehouseman), George Charlesworth (bombardon, machine tender), Jonathan Collett (bombardon, spinner), John Mortimer (bombardon, spinner), James Whiteley (trombone, overlooker), George Crossley (trombone, washer), William Rouse (trombone, machine fettler)

Hewitt and Kemp's Brass Band (Trowbridge, Wiltshire)

See: Messrs Hewitt and Kemp's Brass Band

Highgate Mills Band (Clayton, Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1862 to 1867. New uniforms in 1862, consisting of blue cloth tunic, blue cloth trousers, with a red stripe down each leg, blue cloth cap.

Hinchliff Mill Brass Band (Holmfirth, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Hinchliffe Mill Brass Band

Hinchliffe Mill Brass Band (Holmfirth, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1872, with family ties being an important feature of this band. Five brothers joined following their resignation from nearby Holme Silver band. Secretary A. Carter in 1900. It folded in 2000. In 1925 Noel Thorpe was appointed the band's new professional conductor and a highly successful period followed. However, by the end of the twentieth century with so many players leaving the band it was unable to recover and ceased to function. Legend has it that in the early days a pig used to be borrowed from a farmer and placed on a wall to listen during rehearsals. If the pig remained quiet and contented the bandsmen took it they would do well at their forthcoming concert. Grunting was a sign that the chances of winning a prize were not good at all. Harry Haigh, who joined in 1918 and was bandmaster from 1938 until 1970, followed in his father's footsteps. At different times he had two uncles, a brother and three cousins playing alongside him in the band. His grandfather was a founder member of the band. At one time, according to tradition, all the more important practices were carried out in the open air in front of a pig, which was regarded as a practically infallible critic. If the pig looked contented, all was well; but if it grunted disapprovingly - like many another music critic - they knew they would have to do very much better to win the prize. But on one occasion the pig let them down, and they fared so badly at the band contest that they were all afraid to return to the village by the main road. Instead, they crept in along the bed of the river which, fortunately, had almost dried up. There was a hiatus during the Second World War, when the exodus of players

into the armed forces led to a temporary merger with Holme Silver Band. Following the band's demise in 2000 a charity was founded, with money raised by selling the band's assets, to help music-makers living and working in the Holme Valley. It is the Hinchliffe Mill Brass Band Music Charity.

Holloway Mills Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Founded in 1890. The instruments, costing £100, were supplied by Marsden Smedley, owner of the large mills in Holloway. The performers were employees at the mills

Holm Mills Brass Band (Marsden, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Holme Mills Silver Band

Holme Mills Silver Band (Marsden, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the mid-1860s to WW1. Secretary Godfrey Wood in 1880

Holywell Flannel Mills Band (Flintshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Holywell Town Band

Holywell Textile Mill Band (Flintshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Holywell Town Band

Holywell Town Band (Flintshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1887 - Former names: Holywell Textile Mill Band, Welsh Flannel Mills Brass Band, Holywell Flannel Mill Band (to 1926)

Ickringill's Brass Band (Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Eastwood Mill Brass Band

Isaac Briggs and Sons' Brass Band (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Rutland Mills Brass Band

John Foster Black Dyke Mills Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Black Dyke Band

Kemp and Hewitt's Brass Band (Trowbridge, Wiltshire)

See: Messrs Hewitt and Kemp's Brass Band

Krumlin Mills Brass Band (Barkisland, Lancashire)

See: Blackburn Valley Brass Band

Lea Mills Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active from 1863 through to WW1. Patron was the John Smedley Mills at Lea Bridge, near Cromford. Conductor C.A. Gregory in 1895, secretary W. Kirby

Manningham Mills Brass Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1891

Marriner's Brass Band (Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in the 1840s by Benjamin and William Marriner, owners of the Greengates Worsted Mill. Also known as Keighley Mariners Band. Conductor J. Sugden in 1860. Two euphonium players around 1900 were Myles Riley and Herbert Riley. The band competed in the 1861 Crystal Palace contest with the alternate name of "the Band of the 35th Rifle Volunteer Corps" and won the Sydenham Cup. In a competition of bass players at that contest (the prize being a sonorophone contre-bass in E flat, with rotary valves), five players entered the lists, and the prize was eventually awarded to a bass player of the Keighley Band, who played a double B flat trombone of his own invention. The Manchester Guardian said: "This portion of the competition greatly excited the risible faculties of the assembly. The unwieldy instruments, the gruff and deep tones they emitted, the elephantine gambols they were made to execute, and the earnestness of the players, made the scene irresistibly comic." In the 1862 contest they were styled WL Marriner's Private Brass Band, and used two flugel horns in their line-up. Subscriptions were collected from the members in the early years. They competed in the Barnoldswick Contest in 1886. They

- won the Daily Mirror Cup at Crystal Palace in 1909 and were incorporated into Keighley Borough Band in 1914. The band was active into the 1990s.
- Marriner's Mill Band** (Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Marriner's Brass Band
- Masson Mills Brass Band** (Matlock Bath, Derbyshire)
 Founded in December 1892, teacher W. Holmes, with 21 members. Instruments costing £160 were bought from Higham's of Manchester. Active to the 1900s. Based at Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills
- Matravers' Brass Band** (Melksham, Wiltshire)
See: Messrs Matravers and Sons' Brass Band
- Messrs Hamlyn Brothers Brass Band** (Buckfastleigh, Devon)
See: Hamlyn Brothers Brass Band
- Messrs Hewitt and Kemp's Brass Band** (Trowbridge, Wiltshire)
 Active in 1882. Still active in 1902. Conductor Isaac Wickham in 1887-1902. The company owned mills producing woollen and worsted cloths
- Messrs Isaac Briggs and Sons' Brass Band** (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Rutland Mills Brass Band
- Messrs M. Oldroyd's and Sons Brass Band** (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1860s, based at the Oldroyd's woolen mill.
- Messrs Matravers and Sons' Brass Band** (Melksham, Wiltshire)
 Active in 1868. The company originated in Westbury, Wiltshire, and took over a steam-powered cloth mill in Melksham in 1862.
- Messrs William Fison and Co.'s Brass Band** (Burley in Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1860s. William Fison's were worsted spinners and textile manufacturers. The band accompanied all the workers on a trip to the Great Exhibition in June 1862 (those under 18 had a trip to Scarborough instead). Still active in 1864
- Moderna Blanket Works Band** (Cragg Vale, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd Band
- Morland Moderna Band** (Cragg Vale, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd Band
- Morley Textile Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the late 1930s
- Oats Mill Brass Band** (Midgley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Oats Royd Mills Brass Band
- Oats Royd Mills Brass Band** (Midgley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active from the 1850s, disbanding in 1891. Originally the Luddenden Old Band, it assumed the name of Oats Royd Mills in 1864 when becoming connected with the firm of Messrs. John Murgatroyd and Sons who owned the Mills. They had a band room at the Travellers' Rest, Luddenden. Conductor Joseph Hartley in 1868. Presented with new uniforms by J. Murgatroyd in 1869. In 1871, the band played at the ceremony when the first sod was cut at Widdop Reservoir. Records of the band, from 1864-1891 are held by West Yorkshire Archive Service, Calderdale
- Oldroyd's Brass Band** (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Messrs M. Oldroyd's and Sons Brass Band

Pleasley and Pleasley Works Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active from 1888. Conductor William Slaney in 1899-1902. Still active in 1911, conductor F. Pearson. Contemporary with the Pleasley Colliery Band (which is still active)

Pleasley Works Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Pleasley and Pleasley Works Brass Band

Roan Mills Brass Band (Coalisland, County Tyrone)

Active in 1885, conductor Joseph Ferguson. Members of the band in 1885 included Peter Toner and James Bradley.

Rutland Mills Brass Band (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1874, active through to at least 1910. The mill was operated by Isaac Briggs and Sons. Conductor Jonas Pickles in 1897, Mr Soothill in 1909

Saltaire Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1855 by Titus Salt for his employees at the Saltaire Mill, its first conductor was Joseph Paley whose son, John, became a legendary cornet player, playing with bands as diverse as Black Dyke, situated on the other side of Bradford and Patrick Gilmore's Band in America. Leader W. Turner in 1860. It was also conducted in 1860 by Richard Smith who launched the Champion Brass Band Journal in 1857 and then his music publishing business R Smith and Co. in 1878. A number of local contests were attended up to 1869, bringing in a few prizes. The band then appeared in the Belle Vue September contests of 1872-1874 conducted by John Gladney, gaining a 2nd prize in 1872 and a 5th in 1874. After this it assumed the status of an ordinary village band, though the mills still owned the instruments. Conductor John Paley in 1883-1890. Brass Band News reported in March 1894: "Many old contestors will learn with regret that the once famous Saltaire Brass Band is no more, the instruments and all properties having been called in by the Company. So passes away the remains of one of the best bands Yorkshire ever produced." The new owner of Saltaire, James Roberts, had no time for frivolous pasttimes such as music. The instruments and other property (including music) were sold to the Shipley Brass Band in October 1896 for £20.

Saltaire Mills Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Salts Silver Band

Salts Silver Band (Saltaire, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1932, by Herbert Bowdin Hawley (MD of Hammonds Sauce Works Company, at Shipley). It competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Brass Band News reported in March 1932: "Salts Silver, under the tuition of Mr H B Hawley, are making remarkable progress. This is a newly-formed band of 24 enthusiastic performers who mean business. Their practice-room is in the Royal Café, Saltaire, kindly provided rent-free by Messrs. Salts of Saltaire. Mr Hawley has gradually built up this combination to his own liking, and is taking them to their first contest at Pudsey on March 25th. Mr Hawley is a local organist and composer, and will not be satisfied with his band until it sounds like his organ. A prize at Pudsey is their determination." The band became a member of the Harrogate and District Brass Band Association, of which Mr Hawley was an official. It was at one of the Association's contests, held in Saltaire in May 1934, that the new band achieved its first win. The band played in the first section, which had an entry of 12 bands, so this was quite an achievement for a two-year-old band. It regularly changed its name, appearing not only as Salts Silver, but also as Saltaire Mills, Saltaire Subscription and Salts (Saltaire). It was offered a

broadcast engagement by the BBC in November 1936, when Frank Haigh, a noted Bradford cornet player was playing principal cornet. In 1937 Salts Band provided music for the visit to Shipley of the King and Queen and by now its conductor, 'H B', was proving to be something of a composer, with a number of published marches to his name. In the latter part of 1940 Mr Hawley engaged Noel Thorpe as professional conductor, and in 1945 Harry Grace, a successful Bradford brass band conductor succeeded Noel Thorpe. Early in 1946 HB Hawley decided to form a new junior band. For a short time the juniors and the older band existed side by side, but without Mr Hawley's drive, interest at Salts waned and the band completed its last engagement in July 1946. Several of its members joined the new group, which also acquired the old band's music library and some instruments. This junior band was to become the Hammonds Sauce Works Band

Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills Band (Derbyshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1979 - Former names: South East Derbyshire Music Centre Band, Orion Airways Band, Britannia Airways Band, Thorntons Brass (to 2008)

Sirdar (Wakefield) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1970s and 1980s.

Smedley's Works Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Lea Mills Brass Band

Spamount Mills Brass Band (Castlederg, County Tyrone)

Active in 1891, conductor Mr Sloan

Spink Well and Calder Mills Band (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Spinkwell Mills Band

Spink Well Mills Band (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Spinkwell Mills Band

Spinkwell Mills Band (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1866, when won first prize and £20 in the "at sight" contest and first prize, and £10 in the own choice selection contest also, at the Keighley Agricultural Show in September 1866. Based at Messrs Mark Oldroyd & Sons, woollen manufacturers.

Victoria Mills Brass Band (Elland, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1871

Welsh Flannel Mills Brass Band (Holywell, Flintshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Holywell Town Band

Witney Bridge Street Mills Brass Band (Oxfordshire)

Active in 1893, bandmaster W. Bridgman. The mill was founded in the 1860s by William Smith of Witney. It used steam powered looms to make blankets. The blankets were then taken to Smith's Mill at Crawley to be fulled.

Worsham Mill Brass Band (Witney, Oxfordshire)

Formed by William Webley in the early 20th century. He often found places in his mill for people who were known to be good musicians, although they were expected to buy their own instruments from him in instalments. This unusual method of staffing the mill may have contributed to the collapse of the business: one day Mr Webley took all the instruments to an Oxford pawnbroker and not long after the blanket making business failed.

Financial services

Barclays Bank Brass Band

[current band] - Founded in 1981. An ad hoc band of current and former Barclays employees

Britannia Building Society Band (Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Foden's Band*

City of Bradford Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Active from the early 1970s. Former names: Hawley Band, Hammonds Hawley Band (to 1993), Yorkshire Building Society Concert Brass (to 2006), YBS Concert Brass (to 2009)

Flowers Band (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1965 - Former names: City of Gloucester Band, Flowers Band, Hawthorne Brewery Band, Message Maker (Gloucester) Band, Polysteel Band

Foden's Band (Cheshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Foden Motor Works Band, Foden OTS Band (1983), Britannia Building Society Foden Band (1986), Britannia Building Society Band, Fodens Courtois Band (1997-2003), Fodens Richardson Band. [Further information - see: Anon - Who Put the Oomph into Foden's Band? - Cheshire Life - February 2005, pp.188-189; Burgess, D - By Royal Command: The Story Of Fodens Motor Works Band - Fodens - 1977; Fodens - The History Of Fodens Motor Works Band - Fodens - 1936; Gooding, Ken - Fodens: and the band played on - Industrial Management & Data Systems Vol. 74(1), 1974, pp.4-6; Leigh, Jenny - The sound of brass [Foden's Brass Band] Cheshire Life - September 2012, p.54; Littlemore, Alan - The Fodens Band: 100 Years of Excellence - Peak Press - 1999; Radcliffe, Leslie N - T'Blow [The brass band of Foden's Motor Works, Sandbach] - Cheshire Life, Volume 20, Number 5 (May 1954), pp.39,41]

Hammonds Saltaire Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1947 - Former names: Hammonds Sauce Works Band (to 1993), Yorkshire Building Society Brass Band (to 2005), YBS Band (to 2009) - Note: The original Hammonds Sauce Works Band arose from the ashes of the earlier Salts Silver Band, which folded in 1946. They acquired the Salts music library, some of the instruments and a few of the members.

Kirkby Stephen Star Benefit Building Society's Brass Band (Westmorland)

Active in 1868

Skenfrith Mutual Benefit Society Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in 1858 as the band of the Skenfrith Mutual Benefit Society, later simply known as Skenfrith Brass Band. Still active in 1883. A successor band was formed in 1888

Stanshawe/Sun Life Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

The band was founded as the Stanshawe Band (1968) and modified its name to Stanshawe (Bristol) Band (1972). On receiving sponsorship from Axa Sun Life they changed again to Sun Life Stanshawe Band (1978) and finally to simply the Sun Life Band (1983). They disbanded in January 1997. [Further information - see: Anon - Sun Life: A Celebration of Sun Life Band's 20th Anniversary]

Sun Life Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: *Stanshawe/Sun Life Band*

VBS Poynton Brass Band (Cheshire)

[current band] - Founded in the 1830s - Former names: Poynton Brass Band (to 1990). Conductor John Kelly in 1887. [Further information - see: McFarlane, Judith - The Sound of Brass in Poynton [Poynton Brass Band]-Cheshire Life - Volume 48, Number 5, (May 1982), pp.56-57]

Vernon Building Society Poynton Band (Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: VBS Poynton Brass Band

YBS Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Hammonds Saltaire Band

YBS Concert Brass (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Bradford Brass Band

Yorkshire Building Society Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Hammonds Saltaire Band

Yorkshire Building Society Community Brass (Wibsey, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Former names: Hammonds Junior Band (to 1993)

Yorkshire Building Society Concert Brass (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Bradford Brass Band

Food & drink - brewing



Friary Silver Band

Anchor Brewery Brass Band (Norwich, Norfolk)

Formed in 1885, conductor E. Gaul. Active through to 1907. The brewery was operated by Bullard & Sons

Banks Brewery Band (Dudley, Staffordshire)

See: Dudley District Band

Bass and Co.'s Brass Band (Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

See: Messrs Bass and Co.'s Brass Band

British Workmen's Cocoa Rooms Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Formed in 1881, active through the 1880s. Formed by employees of the British Workmen Public House Company

Buckland Brewer Brass Band (Devon)

Active in 1900

Camerons Silver Prize Band (Durham)

See: Whitworth Brass Band

Cannon Brewery Brass Band (Fulham, Middlesex)

Active in 1884. Still active in 1897. Conductor Mr Higham in 1885-1888, G.W. Slight in 1893. Band associated with Messrs Henry Lovibond & Sons, of the Cannon Brewery, North End Road, Fulham

Carlsberg Tetley Brass Band (Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

See: Ind Coope Burton Brewery Brass Band

Castleton Brass (Norfolk)

[current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Drayton Band, Drayton Royal British Legion Band (to late 1950s), Drayton Band, Norwich Brewery Brass (from 1980s) - Note: Based in Eye, Suffolk. Reference (1): Formed by amalgamation of Ringland and Horsham St Faiths Bands. Reference (2): Castleton Brass was formed at the turn of the last century [2000 that is!] when members of the Drayton Village Band amalgamated with several members of the Suffolk Fire Service band, moving it's rehearsal facilities to Hartismere High School in Castleton Way, Eye.

City of Leicester Band (Leicestershire)

Formerly Everards Brewery Band and Bond Street Working Mens Club Band, Bond Street Imperial Silver Band, Leicester Club and Institute Band (1933). Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by R. Jackson. It ran into difficulties around 1994 and decided to amalgamate with Barlestone Band in 1995, unfortunately after much effort by many of the players this didn't work and the combined band decided to call it a day at the end of 1996.

Clonmel Brewery Brass Band (Tipperary)

Active in 1891

Croswells' Brewery Band (Staffordshire)

Active in April 1886, when they were allowed to play one night per week at Walsall Arboretum on condition that there was no product advertising!

Dudley District Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1970s through 1990s. Renamed Hanger Motors Band, and then Banks Brewery Band by the 1990s through sponsorship.

Everards Brewery Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: City of Leicester Band

Flowers Band (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1965 - Former names: City of Gloucester Band, Flowers Band, Hawthorne Brewery Band, Message Maker (Gloucester) Band, Polysteel Band

Friary Brewery Band (Guildford, Surrey)

See: Friary Silver Band

Friary Silver Band (Guildford, Surrey)

Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Was the works band of the Friary, Holroyd and Healy's Brewery, from Guildford. It was formed and financed back in 1922 by Friary's then head brewer, J.W. Huxley. He had noticed that there were employees who were lovers of music and with an ability to play. He therefore secured for them a set of second-hand

instruments. Realising the popularity of the band and its potential, the directors then bought for the players a new set of silver instruments and new uniforms, and the services of a qualified bandmaster were secured. It soon established itself as a band of quality performances. The musicians' uniform was navy blue with red and gold trim. For a number of years the bandmaster was David Aspinall, but in the late 1930s he was "poached" by Ransome and Miles Ball Bearings Ltd, to become bandmaster of their band. It's said that when he left he took some of the Friary Silver Band's best musicians with him. The Second World War was not far off, and when it came the band members went their separate ways and the band disbanded.

Greenalls Brass Band (Lancashire)

[current band] - Founded in 1964 - Former names: Haydock and Ashton Youth Band, later re-named Haydock and Ashton Band (to 1975). Greenall's Champion Band (to 1997), Greenalls Brewery Band - Note: In 2000 Greenall's company was sold but the band still retains the name of its sponsor of 25 years

Greenalls Brewery Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Greenalls Brass Band*

Griffin Brewery Brass Band (Chiswick, Middlesex)

Active in 1868. Still active in 1897. Associated with the Griffin Brewery operated by Fuller Smith & Turner

Guinness' Brass Band (Dublin, Dublin)

Active in 1875

Halls Brewery Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

See: *Oxford Concert Brass*

Halstead's Brass Band (Preston, Lancashire)

See: *Messrs Halstead's Brass Band*

Hawthorne Brewery Band (Gloucestershire)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Flowers Band*

Ind Coope and Allsopp Silver Band (Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

Formed in 1950, the players working in the brewing industry as drivers, transporters, brewers and bottlers. It remained active through the 1950s

Ind Coope Brewery Brass Band (Romford, Essex)

See: *Romford Brewery Brass Band*

Ind Coope Burton Brewery Brass Band (Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

Formed in 1981 by Eric Johnson, it enjoyed good contest successes, culminating with Midlands Third Section Champions in 1985. The band folded in 1996. Also known as Carlsberg Tetley Brass Band

Ind Coope's Own Brass Band (Romford, Essex)

See: *Romford Brewery Brass Band*

Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band (Silksworth, Durham)

Formed in 1884, the band was one of the oldest in the area. Known as Silksworth Temperance Band, Silksworth Good Templar Band. Brass Band players are notorious for liking the odd pint and so it was obvious the temperance tag wouldn't last. Therefore in 1905 (or 1908?), the band became the Silksworth Colliery Band, a name they carried proudly for over 80 years. Conductor T. Coulson 1908-1933. When the colliery closed, Vaux Brewery became the band's first ever sponsor, with the band renamed as the Vaux Samson Band. This was not to last, however, as Vaux itself closed in 1999. The band was then sponsored by Pride Valley Foods and adopted the new title of Pride Valley Brass, and finally known as RMT Silksworth Band, only to disband in 2005.

- Marsden Silver Riverhead Brewery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 [current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Marsden Band, Marsden Musical Institute Band, Marsden Silver Prize Band. Willie Bamford was a member until his death in August 1892. [Further information - see: Massey, R - Honest Toil - A Potted History of the Marsden Silver Prize Band - 2013]
- Messrs Bass and Co.'s Brass Band** (Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
 Active in 1865 - it was also associated with the local rifle volunteers.
- Messrs Bullard's Brass Band** (Norwich, Norfolk)
See: Anchor Brewery Brass Band
- Messrs Fuller Smith and Turner's Brass Band** (Chiswick, Middlesex)
See: Griffin Brewery Brass Band
- Messrs Halstead's Brass Band** (Preston, Lancashire)
 Active in 1875, performing at the Leyland Club Day. Active in 1882. Mr Halstead was landlord of the Britannia Inn, Friargate, Preston. The band won first prize in a contest at Barrow on August 7th 1882, winning a handsome silver cup and £7. At various recent competitions it had gained: Ten first prizes, five second prizes, two third prizes, and one fourth prize, amounting to over £300 in money; also seven side drums, three gold and one silver medal, one drum-major's staff, and a silver cup.
- Messrs Henry Lovibond and Sons** (Fulham, Middlesex)
See: Cannon Brewery Brass Band
- Messrs Peter Walker and Son's Brass Band** (Warrington, Lancashire)
See: Walkers' Brewery Brass Band
- Messrs Worthington and Co.'s Brass Band** (Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire)
 Active from the early 1860s. Still active in 1901. This was Worthington's Brewery band
- Midland Brewery Brass Band** (Birmingham, Warwickshire)
 Active in the 1890s
- Newtongrange Silver Band** (Midlothian)
 [current band] - Founded in 1892 - Former names: Newtongrange Lothian Silver Band, Newtongrange & Bilston Colliery Band, Scottish Brewers (Newtongrange) Band. Conductor James Nelson in 1905. Temporarily disbanded 1930-32. Attached to the Lothian Coal Company before the National Coal Board took over.
- Norwich Brewery Brass** (Norfolk)
[previous name of current band] - see: Castleton Brass
- Norwich Brewery Youth Brass Band** (Norfolk)
 Active in the 1980s
- O'Connell (Phoenix Brewery) Brass Band** (Dublin, Dublin)
See: Phoenix Distillery Brass Band (2)
- Oxford Concert Brass** (Oxfordshire)
 Formed in 1972 as an offshoot of the existing Oxford bands, primarily City of Oxford Band. Active until 1992 when it merged with Kidlington Silver Band to form Kidlington Concert Brass. Also known as Halls Oxford Concert Brass. It maintained a presence in the championship section throughout most of the 1980's, although were classified in the 1st section briefly when this was created in 1992 before the merger with Kidlington Silver Band. The band was known at various times under the name of its sponsors and these included Halls Brewery and Hartford Motors. The band always lacked a permanent home and rehearsals were held in Garsington and Milham Ford School. Conductors

included: Jeremy Wise - 1992, Michael Pegram - 1990 - 1991, Adrian Leaper - 1984 - 1986, Cliff Edmunds - 1974 - 1979, Harold Williams - 1974 - 1981.

Parker's Brewery Band (Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

Active after WW2 in the 1940s and 1950s.

Phoenix Brewery Brass Band (1) (Dublin, Dublin)

Active in 1884. Still active in 1896. Also known as Phoenix Distillery Brass Band. President James Behan in 1887. A successor band was formed in 1898

Phoenix Brewery Brass Band (2) (Dublin, Dublin)

See: Phoenix Distillery Brass Band (2)

Phoenix Distillery Brass Band (1) (Dublin, Dublin)

See: Phoenix Brewery Brass Band (1)

Phoenix Distillery Brass Band (2) (Dublin, Dublin)

Founded in November 1898, originally as O'Connell '98 Brass and Reed Band, from the remains of the old Phoenix Brewery Brass Band. Formed specifically to continue to promote "National" interests in the city, its founding officers were: President and treasurer, William Doyle, secretary Michael O'Connor, committee, Thomas Keaney, John Cassells, T. Waldron, J. Hogan, Charles Sweeney and William McLoughlin

Romford Brewery Brass Band (1) (Essex)

Active in 1861. Consisting of young workmen from the Star Brewery (Ind Coope). Still active in 1864 (16 members). Presumed to have folded shortly thereafter, prior to 1867

Romford Brewery Brass Band (2) (Essex)

Established in early 1867, with 23 performers, by J. Davies, conducted by Mr Phemister. Still active in 1881. Also known as Ind Coope's Own Brass Band

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sherburn-in-Elmet Band

Scottish Brewers (Newtongrange) Band (Midlothian)

[previous name of current band] - see: Newtongrange Silver Band

Sherburn-in-Elmet Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in the late 1940s or early 1950s, known as Sherburn Old Boys Band. National Service saw it's demise at the end of the 1950s. It was revived by Frank Fenton, Eric North, Charlie Lund, Eric Irwin and others in the late 1960s. It was always a very friendly band and, despite being a bit of a beer and baccy outfit, did well in local concerts. Fresh blood came in from the high school band thanks to Graham Walker ex Copper Works. Their conductor in the 1970s was Bob Thomas, who took up the baton at the age of 21. The band had its own bus at one time, driven and maintained by the bandsmen. Unofficial concerts were performed at the east coast resorts and a collection was taken for diesel and ale! In the 1970's the band obtained smart dark green uniforms - the ones from the 60s seemed to have been designed by committee, as everything clashed. They were described by one bandsman as "being something worn by a rear-admiral in the Ruritanian Navy". the band gained sponsorship from Sam Smith's Brewery and were renamed Sam Smiths Old Brewery Band around 1981. The band folded in the late 1980s.

Stalybridge Old Band (Cheshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1809 - Former names: Stalybridge Band, Stalybridge Public Band, Stalybridge Tetley Walker Brewery Band (1981-3), Stalybridge Jones & Brother Band (1986-90). *[Further information - see: Stalybridge Band - Stalybridge Old Band: A Record of a Hundred Years 1814-1914 - George Whittaker and Sons, Stalybridge, 1914; Lamb, Dorothy - Oldest*

Brass in the World [History of Stalybridge Band] - Cheshire Life, Volume 43, Number 8 (August 1977), pp.28-29]

Stalybridge Tetley Walker Brewery Band (Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Stalybridge Old Band

Strata Brass (Hoyland, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Hoyland Town Band, Wards Brewery (Hoyland) Band, Ireland Alloys Band, Weaver Building Group Band

Theakston's Wakeman Brass (Ripon, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Wakeman Brass

Vale of Neath Brewery Brass Band (Neath, Glamorgan)

Active in 1859

Vaux Samson Band (Silksworth, Durham)

See: Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band

Walker and Son's Brass Band (Warrington, Lancashire)

See: Walkers' Brewery Brass Band

Walkers' Brewery Brass Band (Warrington, Lancashire)

Active in 1895 and into the 1900s. Comprised of employees of Messrs Peter Walker & Son, brewers

Wards Brewery (Hoyland) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Strata Brass

Watney Band (Surrey)

See: West London Silver Band

Watney Mann Band (Surrey)

See: West London Silver Band

West London Silver Band (Surrey)

Formed in 1937 and loaned its instruments to the Home Guard during the War, reforming in 1946 as Borough of Barnes Brass Band. Became the Watney Band in 1959. Jimmy Edwards, the comedian, once played tenor horn with the band. In the 1970s the Watney Band, under the baton of Albert Meek, experimented with including french horns (along with a string bass). Continued through the 1970s into the early 1980s as the Richmond Band under the baton of Malcolm Smith. Disbanded in 1983

Whitworth Brass Band (Spennymoor, Durham)

Active in 1868, conductor T. Woods. It became Spennymoor Brass Band when the town of Spennymoor absorbed Whitworth. Conductor Thomas Snowdon in 1885-1899. It became a Volunteer Band during the Boer War, and borrowed money from a local brewery in 1913 to purchase a new set of instruments, changing its name to the Spennymoor Silver Model Band. In 1926 monies were still owed to the brewery and, the band being down to eleven players, it was decided to allow woodwind players to join, and they became the Whitworth and Spennymoor Military Band. It did not take long for the debt to the brewery to be paid off and, as more brass players joined, the woodwind players left to do dance band and orchestral work, leaving the band all brass once more. After World War Two the band started contesting as the Spennymoor Silver Prize Band. It gained sponsorship in 1975, becoming Camerons Silver Prize Band, but the sponsorship was withdrawn after three years and the band folded in 1978. A successor band, Spennymoor Town Band, was formed in 1982. Another account states: "In the early 1870s the Whitworth Brass Band was formed, and the principal players were the members of the Raine family. Several of them became famous Band Conductors in various parts of the North

of England. One year Whitworth Band entered 41 contests, winning 16, being second 13 times, and third 7 times. The late Tom Snowdon conducted this Band for many years. Before this he was appointed Conductor of the Tudhoe Colliery Band when he was only 18 years of age. Mr. Snowdon led the Band on to several notable musical victories in North Country contests. He worked in the mine at Tudhoe and at Dean Bank until an advanced age, and died in his 79th year shortly after celebrating his Golden Wedding. Mr. John Mutton, another famous bandsman, conducted the local Temperance Band for over 40 years, during which period they won many contests."

Wilderspool Brewery Brass Band (Warrington, Lancashire)

Active in 1892

Worthington's Brass Band (Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire)

See: Messrs Worthington and Co.'s Brass Band

Food & drink – other drinks

Amaranth Bitters Brass Band (Earls Court, Middlesex)

Active in 1888, conductor H. Gray. The band was associated with Messrs Savigear & Co., Earls Court, who manufactured tonic and digestive wines, spirits and mineral waters

Messrs Pitt and Co. Brass Band (London (City))

Active in 1867. Pitt & Co. were "patent tonic water and soda water" manufacturers, based in Wharf Road, City Road

Messrs Rawlings' Brass Band (Marylebone, Middlesex)

Formed in 1862 as a fife and drum band under conductor J.A. Smith. Became a brass band in 1865, with 14 players, conductor E.G. Coleman, bandmaster/teacher D. Peachey. H.D. & J. Rawlings were drinks manufacturers, producing ginger beer and mineral waters, later fruit juices, squashes, cordials, and carbonated water. Originally at Nassau Street, Marylebone, later in Camberwell. Still active in 1868.

North Hants Dairy Company Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1900. The London, Gloucester and North Hants Dairy Company kept cows in various locations in west and south London including Tooting, Clapham, Streatham

Pitt's Brass Band (London (City))

See: Messrs Pitt and Co. Brass Band

Rawlings' Brass Band (Marylebone, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Rawlings' Brass Band

Food & drink - foodstuffs



British Oil and Cake Mills Band

Aunt Bessie's East Yorkshire Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: East Riding of Yorkshire Band

B.O.C.M. (Hull) Band (Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: British Oil and Cake Mills Band

Barton's Brass Band (Preston, Lancashire)

Formed in the 1890s by Councillor Edward Barton (d. 1901 aged 59) who owned a Manufacturing Confectionery Works. Conductor Mr Wilkinson in 1903. The band appeared regularly at the Whitsuntide Walks and Co-op Field Days up to the outbreak of WW1. Later known as Barton's Prize Band, when they reformed in 1919, when they rehearsed in the Heart of Oak, Adelphi Street, and their president and proprietor was Charles Brown. An advert of the time stated: "Now that the members of the above band are demobilized they wish to thank the public of Preston and District for their past patronage and hope to enjoy a fair share in the future. Open for engagements. Processions, Galas, Fetes, Flower Shows etc. Charity will receive every attention. For terms apply Sec. Mr. R. Taylor, 2 Markham St. Ashton, Preston". Still active in 1933.

Bournville Silver Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Formed in 1890 as the Bournville Works Silver Band (the Cadbury Brothers' chocolate factory). Still active in 1956. Conductor George Allen in 1951-1956

Bournville Works Silver Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Bournville Silver Band

British Oil and Cake Mills Band (Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Formed in 1926, conductor Charles S. Moon. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, remained active through to 1939.

Cadbury Bournville Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Bournville Silver Band

Carr Works Vale of Eden Band (Carlisle, Cumberland)

See: Carr's Biscuits Works Band

Carrow Brass Band (Norwich, Norfolk)

See: Carrow Works Band

Carrow Works Band (Norwich, Norfolk)

Active at least between 1863 and 1913. Sponsored by Colman's the mustard makers. The firm's owner, Jeremiah James Colman, was a champion of new technology and installed the first private telephone line between his works in Norwich and the London office in Canon Street. In February 1878 Charles Noble, principal cornet with the band, played Gilbert and Sullivan's "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" down the telephone line to London, where a live audience gathered around the receiver. He was almost certainly the first bandsman to make a live broadcast. In 1873 they took second prize at the brass band section of the National Music Meeting at the Crystal Palace. Conductor in 1904, W.A. Pepperell

Carr's Biscuits Works Band (Carlisle, Cumberland)

Active before WW1 and also in the 1940s/50s. Based at Caldewgate

Carr's Works Brass Band (Carlisle, Cumberland)

See: Carr's Biscuits Works Band

Clarke, Nickolls and Coombs Works Band (Hackney Wick, Middlesex)

See: Clarnico Works Brass Band

Clarnico Works Brass Band (Hackney Wick, Middlesex)

Active in 1898 as Clarke, Nickolls and Coombs Brass Band. Still active in 1904. Clarnico is an amalgamation of Clarke, Nickolls and Coombs who manufactured confectionery at Hackney Wick. It was later taken over by Trebor Bassett.

Dunn and Hewett's Brass Band (Pentonville, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Dunn and Hewett's Brass Band

East Riding of Yorkshire Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1992 - Former names: East Yorkshire Brass (to 1999), Aunt Bessie's East Yorkshire Brass Band (to 2003)

Finzel and Company's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs Finzel and Company's Brass Band

Greggs Bakery Band (Newbiggin, Northumberland)

See: Newbiggin Colliery Band

Hammonds Saltaire Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1947 - Former names: Hammonds Sauce Works Band (to 1993), Yorkshire Building Society Brass Band (to 2005), YBS Band (to 2009) - Note: The original Hammonds Sauce Works Band arose from the ashes of the earlier Salts Silver Band, which folded in 1946. They acquired the Salts music library, some of the instruments and a few of the members.

Hammonds Sauce Works Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Hammonds Saltaire Band

Hull British Oil and Cake Mills Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: British Oil and Cake Mills Band

Hull Flour Mill Workers' Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Founded in September 1893, conductor Charles Teal. Still active in 1895. T.C. Whitfield and J.W. Jackson were members in 1895

Hunt Mill Brass Band (Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire)

See: Hunt's Mill Brass Band

Huntley and Palmer's Brass Band (Reading, Berkshire)

Active in 1887 - associated with the biscuit factory.

Hunt's Mill Brass Band (Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire)

Active in 1877 to 1879. Hunt's Mill was a watermill located just outside Wootton, which was operational from the 1300s, ceasing working in 1906 and demolished in 1964.

Jam Factory Brass Band (Tiptree, Essex)

See: Tiptree Brass Band (2)

Jam Factory Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1894

James Samuelson's Works Brass Band (Wallasey, Cheshire)

Active in 1886. Still active in 1890. James Samuelson and Sons owned the Wallasey Oil Mill Cake and Feeding Factory producing agricultural products

Largo and Lundin Mill Brass Band (Fife)

See: Lundin Mill and Largo Brass Band

Lundin Mill and Largo Brass Band (Fife)

Formed around 1883, conductor Mr Williamson, tutor Mr Adamson. Still active in 1904. Conductor George Howison in 1899

Margarine Works Brass Band (Southall, Middlesex)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s. The Maypole Dairy margarine factory was established in 1894 by Otto Monsted, becoming one of the world's largest margarine manufacturing works.

Messrs Clarke, Nickolls and Coombs Brass Band (Hackney Wick, Middlesex)

See: Clarnico Works Brass Band

Messrs Dunn and Hewett's Brass Band (Pentonville, Middlesex)

Active in 1864, 1865. Comprised of workmen from Dunn & Hewett's which were chocolate and essence of coffee manufacturers

Messrs Finzel and Company's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1865, leaders Herr Pfeiffer and also George Rawbon. Conrad Finzel owned a large sugar refinery in the city. Still active in 1866

Messrs Spillers' and Bakers' Brass Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)

See: Spillers' Brass Band

Nafferton Mill Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in 1885

Nafferton Station Mills Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in 1888. Conductor F. Foster in 1898. 1903 reports in the Driffild press: Saturday June 20 1903, "Members of Sir Tatton Sykes' Lodge of the Hull District of Druids celebrated their seventh anniversary at Wetwang. The Nafferton Station Mills Band played the members to church, where the Rev Ingham preached a sermon. The membership of the Hull district was 9,806." August 8 1903, "Wansford played host to an athletic and aquatic sports event. Only competitors from Wansford and Cattleholmes were entitled to take part in the athletic events, but the aquatic events were open. The aquatic events were the highlight of the day, with Mr J Cawthorn winning the greasy pole event and taking home a leg of mutton. A swimming match from the bridge to the Trout Inn was entered by seven competitors. After the sports, the villagers enjoyed a fireworks display and music from the Nafferton Station Mills Band."

Newbiggin Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Formed in 1913 by a local group of musicians, it was funded by a weekly subscription of a penny a week from the workmens pay. The band was made up of miners who worked at the colliery and in many cases employment was found to attract players. The band had a proud tradition of contesting and represented the area at many national competitions. During the 1940's a large

number of Newbiggin Miners were transferred to the nearby Lynemouth Colliery. For a period of time the band was known as the Lynemouth Colliery Band and later the Newbiggin and Lynemouth Colliery Band, however in 1968 Newbiggin Colliery closed where the name was dropped from it's title renamed Lynemouth Colliery Band. Since this period the band had a variety of rehearsal premises in Newbiggin including the CO-OP Hall, Central Club and the 'HUT' in the 'Bull Field'. In 1985 Lynemouth Colliery closed and again the band changed it's name to the Newbiggin Welfare Band. The band moved from the 'HUT' to the Newbiggin Welfare grounds, with support from Wansbeck District Council the band was able to purchase a new rehearsal room equipped with toilets, kitchen and heating and became self-financing. In 1994 Greggs of Gosforth agreed to sponsor the band, this heralded another new name the 'Greggs Bakery Band'. The band folded in 2009

North Shore Flour and Rice Mill Company Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active in 1870 into the early 1880s, conductor J.B. Ridge, secretary H. Goodwin. The company was located between Boundary Street and Sandhills on the Mersey dockside

Olympia Oil Works Band (Barlby, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in 1914, bandmaster Mr Taylor (late of York Tramways Band). The Olympia Oil & Cake Co. Ltd, near Selby, operated the largest linseed oil crushing and refining plant in Europe at the time.

Rowntree Mackintosh Band (York, Yorkshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Rowntree Works Band (York, Yorkshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Rowntree's Band (York, Yorkshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Rowntree's Cocoa Works Band (York, Yorkshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Samuelson's Works Brass Band (Wallasey, Cheshire)

See: James Samuelson's Works Brass Band

Spillers' and Bakers' Brass Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)

See: Spillers' Brass Band

Spillers' Brass Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)

Active in 1892, consisting of employees at the two Spillers' mills in Cardiff. Still active in 1894

Station Mills Brass Band (Nafferton, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Nafferton Station Mills Brass Band

Tiptree Brass Band (2) (Essex)

Founded in 1901, blue and gold-braided uniforms, conductor S. Arnold. Also known as Tiptree Silver Band, Tiptree Excelsior Band and the East Essex Brass Band (around 1905). The president at one time was CJ Wilkin of the Tiptree jam factory. The band folded just prior to WW2. Once competed in the Crystal Palace contest. For more details, see "Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex", by David Cawdell.

Tiptree Jam Factory Band (Essex)

See: Tiptree Brass Band (2)

U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band (Clydebank, Dunbartonshire)

Founded in December 1897. Active to the 1930s. The United Co-operative Baking Society Ltd. Band. Won the Iles Cup 1st Class in 1908, the 2nd Class Championship in 1908, and the Iles Cup 2nd Class in 1906, 1907 and 1908.

Famous biscuits were advertised as "The men of Clydebank have been responsible for world famous feats in shipbuilding and engineering, but what is to be said of those who are responsible for the care of the "inner man"? To the housewives of Clydebank equal praise is due, for good work cannot be accomplished without good food. The choice of Clydebank housewives has always been unanimously U.C.B.S. - Baking of Quality". Also known as United Bakery Band, Glasgow Co-operative Bakery Band. Conductor George S.M. Anderson in 1900

Wallasey Oil Mill Brass Band (Wallasey, Cheshire)

See: James Samuelson's Works Brass Band

Wallasey Oilcake Brass Band (Wallasey, Cheshire)

See: James Samuelson's Works Brass Band

York Cocoa Works Band (Yorkshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Yorkshire Evening Post Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed on 10th February 1856 by Richard Smith, as Leeds Model Band. There was a smaller brass band, part of the Leeds Model Band, called the Hearts of Oak Brass Band, which was active in 1862. In 1864 it came third in the British Open Championship. Conductor C. Ingledew from 1860 into the 1870s, when it was also known as Ingledew's Band, rehearsing at the William the Fourth Inn, Briggate, Leeds. Bandmaster William Jasper in 1876. It was later known as the Cameron Ironworks Band. One of its most successful periods was in the mid 1960s when in a three year period in seventeen contest appearances it won fifteen first prizes and two second prizes. In common with an increasing number of bands, in the 1970s it sought financial assistance through sponsorship to meet the dramatic rise in operating costs. This led to successful periods first as the John Waddington Band (the games manufacturers) and then as the Yorkshire Relish Band (within the Hammonds Sauce Group), before becoming associated with the Yorkshire Evening Post. The band merged with Sharlston Colliery Band around 2000, to form Yorkshire Evening Post (Sharlston) Band, but then disbanded in 2002.

Yorkshire Relish Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

General manufacturing & engineering



Ruston and Hornsby Band

Butterfield's Tank Works Band (Shipley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in the late 1930s at the W.P. Butterfield Tank Works, Shipley. Active through to the late 1950s. They rehearsed in the canteen at Butterfield Tank Works on Otley Road in Saltaire, always for the final rehearsals before a contest they moved into one of the huge workshops, not bad in summer but very cold in winter. In the early 1950s their conductor was the ex Black Dyke soprano player Bernard Burns

Ruston and Hornsby Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

Founded in 1896. Active to the late 1990s or early 2000s. Conductors F. Stevens and E. Bausor in 1904. Ruston and Hornsby Ltd. were engine builders and boilermakers, formed by the merger of Hornsby's works in Grantham (at the Spittlegate Ironworks) with the Lincoln based Rustons. Originally formed as Messrs Hornsby and Sons Brass Band or Spittlegate Iron Works Brass Band, then becoming (and reformed as) Hornsby Temperance Band in 1904, Ruston Engineers Silver Band, Ruston Bucyrus Band from the 1970s to 1993 when it became the Lincolnshire Fire Brigade Band. A concert in October 1904 was: Honest Toil (Rimmer), Caliph of Baghdad (Boieldieu), Il Flauto Magico (Mozart), Dream of Paradise (Hamilton Gray), Eventide (Rimmer), Comfort Ye My People (Handel), And the Glory of the Lord (Handel).

Ruston Bucyrus Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Ruston Engineers Silver Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Sellers Engineering Band (Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sellers International Brass Band

Sellers International Brass Band (Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in January 1986, at one point the band was led by Philip McCain. Its original name was Huddersfield Tecol Band and in November of 1987, just one year after its formation, the band's name was changed to Sellers College Brass. It was again changed to The Sellers Engineering Band and finally Sellers International Band, a name which lasted and was passed on to the junior band, the Sellers International Youth Band, in 1998. Unfortunately, in 2007, the band folded, largely due to the loss of sponsorship. Sponsorship was lost because of a failed attempt to win the Yorkshire Area Brass Band Contest and as a result, mismanagement claims were made and internal conflict and chaos ensued.

Sovereign Brass (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1987 - Former names: Sovereign Brass (to 1994), Woolley Pritchard Sovereign Brass, Spal Sovereign Brass in 2017

Spal Automotive Sovereign Brass (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Sovereign Brass

Spal Sovereign Brass (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Sovereign Brass

Manufacturing - armaments



North Middlesex Silver Band

Birtley R.O.F. Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1946

Birtley Royal Ordnance Factory Band (Northumberland)

See: Birtley R.O.F. Band

Bull Point Laboratory Brass Band (Plymouth, Devon)

Active in 1865. The Laboratory was a Royal Ordnance Factory for the production of weapons.

Frickley and South Elmsall Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1969 - Former names: Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Junior Band (1971), Carlton Main Youth (to 1992), Frickley South Elmsall Colliery Brass (1992), Frickley South Elmsall RS Haulage Till (1993), Frickley South Elmsall Standard Fireworks Band (1995-1999)

Frickley South Elmsall Standard Fireworks Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - *see: Frickley and South Elmsall Brass Band*

HM Factory Gretna Band (Dumfriesshire)

The munitions factory band was formed in 1917 and entertained the thousands of munitions workers at the Border Hall in Gretna and the Central Hall in Eastriggs. It also led the Armistice Day celebrations of November 1918. A tuba belonging to the band was bought for £50 in 1921 by the Brampton Silver Band, who have now donated it to the Devil's Porridge Exhibition in Eastriggs.

Munition Workers' Band (Scotswood, Northumberland)

See: Scotswood Shipyard Brass Band

National Shell-Filling Factory Band (Chilwell, Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1918, conductor John Turner

Newcastle Munitions Workers' Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Founded in 1917

North Middlesex Silver Band (Middlesex)

Formed around 1911 at Enfield's famous Royal Small Arms Factory. The band wore a colourful military-style uniform, and before the Second World War enjoyed success in marching competitions and band contests, including fourth place at the National Championships. Merged with the Enfield Town Silver Prize Band in 1949, retaining the North Middlesex name until 1966, when it reverted to Enfield Brass Band.

Royal Navy Torpedo Factory Band (Newark, Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1917

Royal Ordnance Factory Social Association (Chorley, Lancashire) Band (Lancashire)

Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by W. Haydock). Still active in 1945.

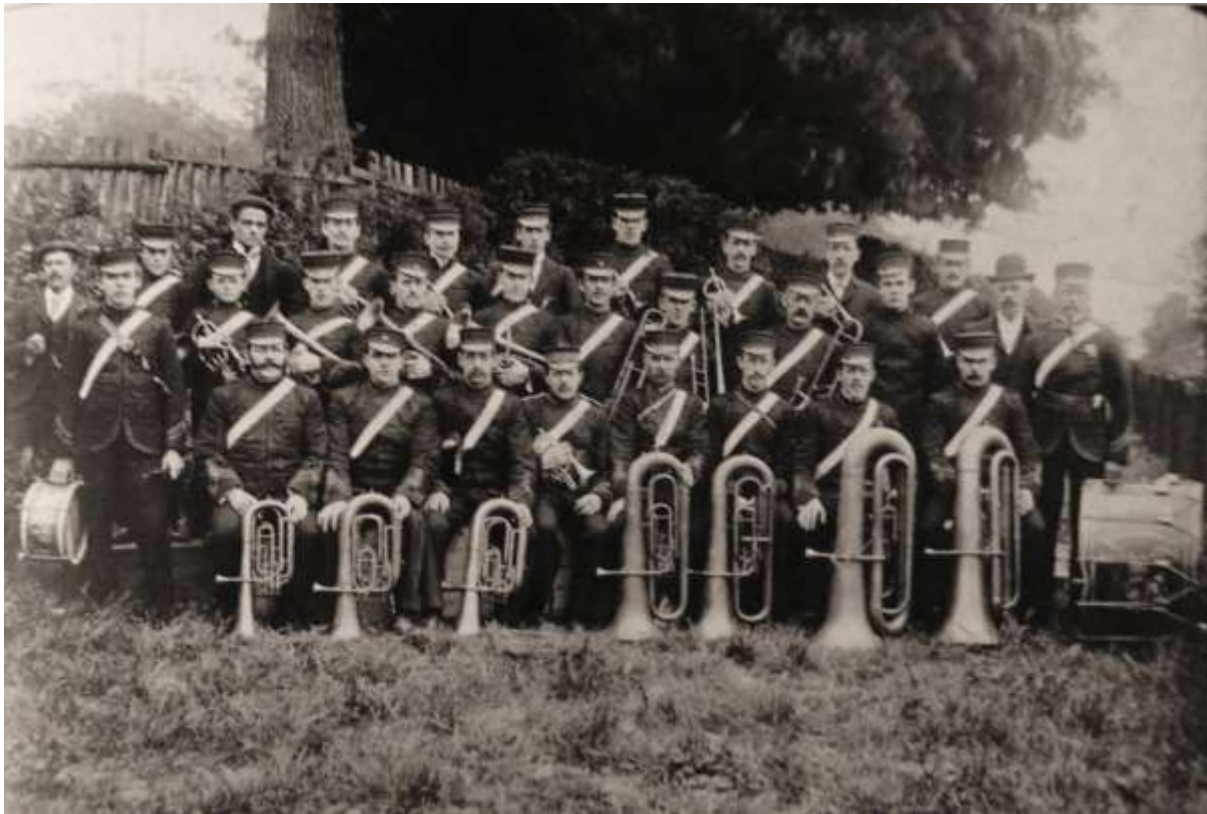
Schultze Brass Band (Fritham, Hampshire)

Active in 1903. Still active in 1905. Associated with the Schultze Gunpowder Factory, which was located at Eyeworth Lodge near Fritham. The factory was founded around 1860, employing some 100 people in 60 buildings. The factory was sold just before WW1, but continued operating until 1921

Scotswood Shipyard Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1883. In 1916 it was renamed the Munition Workers Band, under the baton of H. Bell (ex bandmaster of Dinnington Colliery)

Manufacturing - bicycles



Barton Cycle Works Brass Band

Barton Cycle Works Brass Band (1) (Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire)

Active in 1893. A successor band was formed in 1898. Richard Weston, a member of Kettering Rifles Band, moved to Barton and joined the Elswick Hopper Brass Band playing Tuba. He worked for Elswick Hopper cycle manufacturer at Barton-on-Humber as a labourer in tube and sheet-metal working and brazing. In 1880 Fred Hopper had established a cycle repair business in a former blacksmith's shop in Brigg Road, Barton-upon-Humber. He went on from repairing cycles to manufacturing them. The business flourished and by 1905 it employed over 400 people. As the business grew it moved to larger premises on Marsh Lane. F. Hopper and Co. also had a large three storied building built on the corner of Holydyke and Brigg Road for offices. The wrapping and packing was done on Brigg Road ready for export. Early pictures of the office had the words "The Butterfly Cycle Company" emblazoned on the wall. The company had started exporting to places such as Australia, Japan, India and South Africa by 1912. Around 1913 the company acquired the Elswick Cycle company and the company became Elswick Hopper Cycle and Motor Company. In 1936 Elswick Hopper was quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Barton Cycle Works Brass Band (2) (Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire)

Founded in 1898, by John Furniss, with the support of Fred Hopper, owner of the works. Still active in 1903. Bandmaster Mr Furniss in 1900. A successor band was formed in 1904

Barton Cycle Works Brass Band (3) (Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire)

Formed in 1904 by Mr F Hopper Snr. Conductor George White in 1905. It had many successes in competition, the most notable being the Contest held at the Crystal Palace in London where they gained a 3rd and 4th place in the years around 1907. Unfortunately on another occasion they had a few too many trips to the Public Bar and acted with an "unfortunate lack of sobriety" disgracing themselves on the contest platform. This caused their sponsor, F Hopper to gather them in the Cycle Works yard confiscating their instruments and ritually burning thier uniforms before them - an inglorious end to a once fine band. Probably folded during WW1

Barton Town Cycle Works Band (Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire)

See: Barton Cycle Works Brass Band

Barton Works Band (Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire)

See: Barton Cycle Works Brass Band

Beeston Humber Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active in the early 1890s through to c.1910. Linked to the Humber and Company Cycle Works in the town. Bandmaster was J. Irons in 1898, W.H. Streets in 1905.

Elswick Hopper Brass Band (Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire)

See: Barton Cycle Works Brass Band (1)

Elswick Works Brass Band (Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire)

See: Barton Cycle Works Brass Band (1)

Humber Cycle Works Brass Band (Beeston, Nottinghamshire)

See: Beeston Humber Brass Band

Singer's Apollo Brass Band (Coventry, Warwickshire)

Founded in 1884, based at George Singer's bicycle factory in the town. Conductor George Rose. In 1888 the band performed at a 'monster cycle meeting' , where the 15 musicians were mounted on the 'Victoria' war cycle, also with a steerer and a big drum. This Victoria Cycle Band also featured at the 13th North of England Cyclists' Meets, at Harrogate on Monday 5th August, 1889. Also in 1889 the band performed separately on tricycles. Conductor Walter Sidwell in 1891. Still active in 1902

Manufacturing - candles

Messrs Price and Company's Brass Band (Erith, Kent)

Active in 1889. Still active in 1894. Charles Price & Co. were oil refiners, colour varnish and tallow merchants, at Belvedere. In the 1890s the company was taken over by Prices Patent Candle Company, which also had brass bands around the same time. See also Price's Candle Company Brass Band

Price's Candle Company Brass Band (Bromborough Pool, Cheshire)

Active in 1856 to 1897. Conductor Abel Jones in 1856, C. Hull in 1860. The company was founded in 1830, mainly based in London. A factory was established at Bromborough Pool to be near the palm oil imports at Liverpool.

Price's Candle Company Brass Band (Battersea, Surrey)

Active in 1891, conductor T. J. McMullen. The company was founded in 1830, mainly based in London with two factories there. The main works were at Battersea.

Manufacturing - engineering



Hanwell (Roneo Vickers) Band

Abbot's Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Abbott and Company's Boiler Works Band

Abbott and Company's Boiler Works Band (Newark, Nottinghamshire)

Active in the early 1900s through to WW1. A.F. Coyne was conductor in 1908.

Became "silver band" on receipt of new instruments in 1911.

Airquick (Newark) Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Ransome Band

Alma Tube Works Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

Active in 1863, 1864. Based at John Russell and Company

Alpha Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Alpha Tube Works Band

Alpha Tube Works Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

Active in 1865, when they played at the Cottage Hospital Gala in August.

Annan Town Band (1) (Dumfriesshire)

See: Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band

Arc Works Silver Band (Chelmsford, Essex)

See: Chelmsford Arc Works Band

ATM Works Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Formed in September 1941 from employees of Messrs. Automatic Telephone and Electric Co. Ltd., under the auspices of Mr F.C. Burstall, one of the company directors. The first bandmaster was Mr W. Heath, but had to pass the baton to George Gardner, due to ill health, by 1943. In 1951 competed in the Championship section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton, conducted by W.H. Yates. Still active in 1960.

Avery's Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in 1889 and into the 1900s. Avery's were an engineering company

Babcock and Wilcox Band (Lincoln, Lincolnshire)

Active in 1927

Banbury Britannia Brass Band (Oxfordshire)

See: Banbury Britannia Works Band

Banbury Britannia Works Band (Oxfordshire)

Founded in September 1857, with 36 members of the works, instruments supplied by Pask & Co. The works had established the "Mutual Instruction and Recreation Society" which oversaw and arranged education, literary, sporting and musical events for the workers and townsfolk. Still active in the 1930s. Associated with the 3rd Oxfordshire Rifle Volunteers in the early 1860s, before a separate volunteer band was formed. Industrialist and philanthropist Bernhard Samuelson owned the Britannia Works, a foundry for the manufacture of agricultural machinery. This attracted a labour force to the town and created a need for the education of the children of Samuelson's employees, which was served by Banbury's Britannia Road School. Space within the school was sometimes used by the Britannia Band as for instance on the occasion of the relief of Mafeking in 1900. The first ever school treat was held on August 12, 1862 when 260 children and about 70 staff and friends had tea on the lawn of Samuelson's residence, Bodicote Grange. The children sang and the Britannia Works Band played 'a number of airs'. Six years later we are told that tea, cake and fruit were plentiful but that a heavy shower of rain at 5 o'clock dampened the grass but not the children's spirits. Competed in the British Open in 1893.

Banbury Foundry Brass Band (Oxfordshire)

See: Banbury Britannia Works Band

Barrett, Exall and Andrewes Brass Band (Reading, Berkshire)

See: Messrs Barrett, Exall and Andrewes Brass Band

Barton Hall Works Band (Patricroft, Lancashire)

Active in the late 1930s and 1940s. Played at Urmston Show 1st August 1960. It was a non-contesting band in the 1970s. Conducted at times by Hugh Parry and Oliver Howarth. Still active in the late 1970s. The works were owned by engine manufacturers L Gardner & Sons.

Birfield Industries Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in the 1950s. Birfield were a light engineering company specialising in automotive, railway and aviation products.

Blair and Company Engine Works Band (1) (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

Active in the 1860s. A successor band was formed in late 1876

Blair and Company Engine Works Band (2) (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

Founded around December 1876. Active through to the late 1880s. Conductor Mr Lambert in 1878. Attached to Messrs G.Y. Blair & Company's works in Norton Road. A "new" brass band was formed in 1891

Blair and Company Engine Works Band (3) (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

Founded in 1891. Active through to the early 1900s. Conductor J.C. Coatsworth in 1893-1898

Boilermakers' Brass Band (Wallsend, Northumberland)

See: Wallsend Boiler Makers' Brass Band

Britannia Brass Band (Banbury, Oxfordshire)

See: Banbury Britannia Works Band

Britannia Ironworks Brass Band (Banbury, Oxfordshire)

See: Banbury Britannia Works Band

Britannia Works Band (Banbury, Oxfordshire)

See: Banbury Britannia Works Band

British M.A.R.C. Silver Prize Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

See: British Manufacture and Research Company Band

British Manufacture and Research Company Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

Active in the 1960s and 1970s, conductor H.C. Sale

British Thompson Houston Band (Rugby, Warwickshire)

Between 1935-1946 Jephthah (Jeff) Baxter was Bandmaster. BTH was an engineering company from Rugby, and the band played on the B.B.C. Home Service during WW2.

Bunnett and Co.'s Brass Band (New Cross, Kent)

See: New Cross Brass Band

Burnt Mill Brass Band (Netteswell, Essex)

Founded in 1889, first public appearance in November 1889. Associated with John Kirkcaldy Ltd, marine engineers, who had brass foundries at Limehouse and Burnt Mill

California Works Brass Band (Gomersal, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1880s. The California Works were operated by Houghton, Knowles & Co., who manufactured machinery for mills, including: willeys, scribblers and carders; double doffer condensers; self-acting and hand mules; power looms; spinning and double frames; bobbin winding machines, warping mills and bobbin wetters; balloons and winding-on frames.

Cattal Works Brass Band (Preston, Lancashire)

Active in the mid-1860s and into the 1870s

Chelmsford Arc Works Band (1) (Essex)

Active in 1891, conducted by F. Webb. Conductor J.M. Coldwell in 1892. Folded in the late 1890s

Chelmsford Arc Works Band (2) (Essex)

Founded in March 1911, by the firm of Messrs Crompton and Co. Electrical Engineers, Chelmsford, selecting Mr W. Hall as the bandmaster (having conducted Ferranti's and Chatterton Prize bands). Still active in 1925

Cheltenham Silver Band (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Dowty Brass Band / Aircraft Components Limited Band (to 1946), Cheltenham Spa Silver Band (to 1968). [Further information - see: Kippin, Mick - Cheltenham Silver Band, 1937-1989, (The first fifty years) - 1997]

Clark's Engine Works Brass Band (Monkwearmouth, Durham)

See: Monkwearmouth Engine Works Band

Clayton and Shuttleworth Brass Band (Lincoln, Lincolnshire)

See: Stamp End Works Brass Band

Cohen's (600) Brass Band (Stanningley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1940s and 1950s. Based at the George Cohen's Works in Stanningley, Leeds. Cohens was a metal merchants company. The "600" in the name refers to the company's original address at 600 Commercial Road, London.

Cohen's Works Stanningley Band (Stanningley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Cohen's (600) Brass Band

Craig and Donald's Brass Band (Johnstone, Renfrewshire)

See: Messrs Craig and Donald's Brass Band

Crossley Brothers Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in the 1940s and early 1950s. Crossley Brothers made stationary engines and internal combustion engines, and later became part of the Rolls Royce group. Known as 49th Lancashire Home Guard Band during WW2.

Dairy Coates Engine Works Brass Band (North Ferriby, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in 1868

Defries and Sons Brass Band (London (City))

See: Messrs Defries and Sons Brass Band

Dobson and Barlow Ltd. Brass Band (Bolton, Lancashire)

See: Messrs Dobson and Barlow Brass Band

Dowty Equipment Brass Band (Northway, Gloucestershire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Cheltenham Silver Band

Dudley Port Excelsior Band (Staffordshire)

See: Revo Works Brass Band

Dudley Port Prize Band (Staffordshire)

See: Revo Works Brass Band

Dudley St Martin's Band (Staffordshire)

See: Revo Works Brass Band

E.E.C. Works Brass Band (Stafford, Staffordshire)

See: Stafford Brass Band (3)

Edward Foster and Sons Brass Band (Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1890s. Foster's were brassfounders and engineering company

Elswick Works Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Active in 1867, conductor Mr Clinton. Still active in 1891. Associated with the Elswick Ordnance and Engine Works

Elswick Works Military Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1897, conductor H.G. Amers. The Elswick works were owned by Armstrong Whitworth, manufacturers of hydraulic machinery, cranes, bridges, artillery and more.

English Electric Works Brass Band (Stafford, Staffordshire)

See: Stafford Brass Band (3)

Fairey FP (Music) Band (Stockport, Cheshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Fairey Aviation Works Band, Fairey Engineering Band, Williams Fairey Engineering Band, Williams Fairey Band. *[Further information - see: Anon - Williams Fairey Band 1937-1987; Mutum, Tim - A 75 year-old Fairey tale - British Bandsman - (5699) 07-Jan 2012, pp. 5-7]*

Ferranti's Works Brass Band (Hollinwood, Lancashire)

Founded in the late 1890s, active into the 1900s. Became Hollinwood Brass Band around 1904. Secretary J. Ryder in 1902. Players in 1902 included: E. Shaw, J. Heywood, A. Whittaker, W. Riley, J.L. Fowden, Stephen Shaw.

Fletcher's Works Band (Warrington, Lancashire)

Active in the mid-1880s, associated with the gas appliance manufacturers Thomas Fletcher & Co. based at Thynne Street and later at the Palatine Works on Wilderspool Causeway.

G.R. Turner Langley Mill Brass Band (Langley Mill, Derbyshire)

Active in the 1900s through to the 1930s. Based at the iron works belonging to G.R. Turner Company, which produced railway rolling stock until the 1960s

Gardner's Engineering Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Based at L. Gardner and Sons factory at Barton, Manchester. They rehearsed Fridays and Sundays in the staff canteen. Active in the 1970s

Gas Meters Company's Brass Band (Clerkenwell, Middlesex)

See: Parkinson's Gas Meters Brass Band

Gorton Tank Works Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1857, conductor J. Melling. Consisted of 25 workmen employed at the depot of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway. Still active in 1870

GT Group Peterlee Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1974 - Former names: Peterlee Town Band (to 1993)

Hamworthy Engineering Works Band (Poole, Dorset)

Active from the 1960s to the early 1980s. Won the Badman Challenge Cup at a Southern Amateur Bands Association contest in 1970.

Hanwell Brass Band (Middlesex)

Formed in 1892. In the autumn of 1891 some people had the idea of starting a public brass band and hoped to raise enough funds to purchase instruments. An announcement appeared in the Middlesex County Times on May 7, 1892 stating that a band was being formed and a committee had been formed. Among these was a Mr Williams, who was the bandmaster of the Hanwell Asylum Band. It said the personnel would be mainly professional bandsmen, but a junior band would also be formed. An appeal was made to the 'Gentry and Traders for help to buy the instruments'. The landlord of the Viaduct Inn made a room available for the band's weekly practice, which no doubt was good for business with a few pints being bought by the thirsty musicians at the close of the evening. The response from the general public was good, new instruments were bought and the band made its first public appearance at Hanwell Broadway under the baton of Mr Williams in 1892. Uniforms were obtained and victories came, so the band changed its name to The Hanwell Prize Band to signal these successes. After winning first prize in a contest at Tottenham in 1913, the name was changed again to The Hanwell Silver Prize Band. In January 1979, the Middlesex Chronicle announced that a forthcoming concert at Cranford School would be the last under the present name. The band had agreed to sponsorship by the Roneo Vickers Office Equipment Group and it would be renamed the Roneo Vickers Band. The band was also known as the Roneo Alcatel Band during this period and eventually folded around 2001. Some of the players joined Capital Concert Brass, of West London. [Further information - see: Brighton, Charley - The Hanwell Band: West London: a concise history of London's premier brass band 1891-1983 - The author, London, 1983]

High Town Brass (Luton, Bedfordshire)

See: Kent's Works Silver Band

Hill Street Foundry Instrumental Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)

Active in 1856. The foundry was operated by Murdoch, Aitken and Co., who manufactured marine, high-pressure and stationary engines, pumps and machine tools.

Hoggarths Tractor Works Band (Preston, Lancashire)

See: Hoggarths Works Band

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Active in the 1950s, associated with Hoggarths Tractor Works. In the 1980s was renamed as the Warburtons Bakery Band. Folded in the mid-1990s

Hollinwood Brass Band (Lancashire)

See: Ferranti's Works Brass Band

Hornsby and Sons' Brass Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Howard and Bullough's Brass Band (Accrington, Lancashire)

Active in the 1890s through to the 1920s. The company manufactured textile machines

Hull Radiator Works Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Ideal Boilers and Radiator Works Band

Hymac Ltd Band (Rhymney, Monmouthshire)

See: Hymac Rhymney Band

Hymac Rhymney Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in 1969 when conducted by Richard Nash. Won the Welsh Regional Championships (3rd Section) in 1976. After Mr Richard Nash retired in 1976 Brian Buckley took over as conductor. In 1979 they played in the Championship Finals at the Royal Albert Hall, they also reached the Final of the Radio Wales contest twice losing to Cory & Point of Ayr, the works closed in 1984 and the Band ceased in 1986. Also known as Rhymney Silver Band.

Ideal Boilers and Radiator Works Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Founded in January 1937. Active to 1940. First public performance in Craven Park in February 1937

John Thompson Works Prize Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)

Active in the 1920s through into the 1960s. In the 20s and 30s it was also known as the Band of the 6th Battalion South Staffs Regiment. After WW2 it was known as the John Thompson Works Band.

Katesgrove Iron Works Brass Band (Reading, Berkshire)

See: Messrs Barrett, Exall and Andrewes Brass Band

Kent's Works Silver Band (Luton, Bedfordshire)

Probably formed around 1946. Still active in the 1970s, they were attached to George Kent Ltd. (electrical components) factory. Went on to become Longland Brass, named after the association with Ted Longland. The band survived into the 1980's. They eventually became High Town Brass because they rehearsed in an area of Luton called High Town.

Leiston Royal British Legion Band (Suffolk)

[current band] - Founded in November 1886 - Former names: Leiston Works Band, Leiston British Legion Band (1932-1971) - Note: Supported by Garretts Engineering Works, until the firm closed in 1932. [Further information - see: Vale, Peter - One hundred years of brass: a history of Leiston Brass Band - 1983]

Leiston Works A. A. Brass Band (Suffolk)

[previous name of current band] - see: Leiston Royal British Legion Band

Leiston Works Brass Band (1) (Suffolk)

Active in 1861, conductor G. Rodwell. Associated with the Richard Garrett and Sons engineering works, which made steam tractors and cast and machined metal products. Still active in 1876

Leiston Works Brass Band (2) (Suffolk)

[previous name of current band] - see: Leiston Royal British Legion Band

- Lewis Merthyr (Cardiff Lift Co.) Band** (Glamorgan)
[previous name of current band] - see: Lewis Merthyr Silver Band (2)
- Lewis Merthyr Silver Band (2)** (Glamorgan)
 [current band] - Founded in 1879 - Former names: Cymmer (Porth) Colliery Band (to 1949), Lewis Merthyr Workmen's Institute Band, Lewis Merthyr (Cardiff Lift Co.) Band
- Lincoln Sheaf Works Band** (Lincolnshire)
See: Sheaf Works Brass Band
- Lister's Silver Band** (Stinchcombe, Gloucestershire)
See: Stinchcombe Silver Band
- Longland Brass** (Luton, Bedfordshire)
See: Kent's Works Silver Band
- Mactaggart Scott Loanhead Band** (Midlothian)
 [current band] - Founded in 1943 - Former names: MacTaggart Scott Works Band. Conductor Fred Jones in the early 1970s, William Ross in 1986, Stephen Callaghan in 1990
- MacTaggart Scott Works Band** (Midlothian)
[previous name of current band] - see: Mactaggart Scott Loanhead Band
- Maudslay and Sons Brass Band** (Lambeth, Surrey)
See: Messrs Maudslay, Sons and Field Brass Band
- McKiernan Group Heating Band** (Lancashire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Radcliffe Brass Band
- Messrs Barrett, Exall and Andrewes Brass Band** (Reading, Berkshire)
 Active in 1860. Barrett, Exall & Andrewes manufactured agricultural machinery and portable/fixed engines, at the Katesgrove Iron Works
- Messrs Blair and Co.'s Brass Band** (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)
See: Blair and Company Engine Works Band
- Messrs Bunnett and Co.'s Brass Band** (New Cross, Kent)
See: New Cross Brass Band
- Messrs Craig and Donald's Brass Band** (Johnstone, Renfrewshire)
 Active in 1889. Craig & Donald were engineers producing machinery to cut, bend, punch iron and steel.
- Messrs Defries and Sons Brass Band** (London (City))
 Active in 1866. Defries and Sons were gas engineers, producing gas lamps, chandeliers, meters, and were based in Gravel Lane.
- Messrs Denham and Jenvey's Brass Band** (Freshwater, Hampshire (Isle of Wight))
 Active in 1895, with players largely made of their employees. Denham and Jenvey were responsible for designing and building Yarmouth Pier on the Isle of Wight
- Messrs Dobson and Barlow Brass Band** (Bolton, Lancashire)
 Active in 1902 through to the 1940s. The sponsoring firm were cotton machinery manufacturers based in Kay Street, Bolton. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by J.W. Hughes). They won 2nd prize at Walkden Prize Contest in 1931, they were also entered for a contest in Wigan in 1945 but were unplaced. Dobson and Barlow ceased trading in 1963. The band had disbanded previous to this date.
- Messrs George Clark's Engine Works Brass Band** (Monkwearmouth, Durham)
See: Monkwearmouth Engine Works Band

Messrs Hawks, Crawshay and Sons Brass Band (Gateshead, Durham)

The Hawks Crawshay engineering iron works operated from 1748 to 1889. The band gave concerts on the Windmill Hills throughout the 1850s. The band was active in 1856, conductor Mr Watson in 1858, Mr Luke in 1862, T.S. Watson in 1868. Still active in 1868

Messrs Hornsby and Sons' Brass Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Messrs Maudslay, Sons and Field Brass Band (Lambeth, Surrey)

Active in 1866 to 1869. Maudslay's were manufacturers of steam engines for ships and pumps, based at Westminster Bridge Road. Conductor Mr Howe in 1869

Messrs Penn and Sons' Brass Band (Deptford, Kent)

Active in 1855. Still active in 1873. John Penn & Sons built marine steam engines and ship's boilers

Messrs Pontifex and Wood's Excelsior Amateur Brass Band (Holborn, Middlesex)

Active in 1864. Pontifex and Wood were engineers and coppersmiths, based in Shoe Lane, Holborn

Messrs Salmon's Brass Band (Ulverston, Lancashire)

Active in 1860. Messrs. Salmon, Barnes & Co. were based at the Canal Head Foundry and Engineering Works, Ulverston

Messrs Smyth and Sons' Brass Band (Peasenhall, Suffolk)

See: Peasenhall Brass Band

Messrs Tangye Brothers and Price Brass Band (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

Active in 1865. Tangye Brothers were engineers, manufacturing hydraulic jacks, rams, pumps, engines and other tools

Mirrlees Blackstone Works Band (Hazel Grove, Cheshire)

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Monkwearmouth Engine Works Band (Durham)

Founded in May 1864. Conductor William Southern in 1865. Still active in 1890. Based at Messrs. George Clark's Engine Works

Monkwearmouth Engineers' Brass Band (Durham)

See: Monkwearmouth Engine Works Band

Moss Lane Works Brass Band (Rochdale, Lancashire)

Active in 1866. This was the works band of John Tatham and Sons, manufacturers of mill machinery

Multitubular Brass Band (Annan, Dumfriesshire)

See: Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band

New Cross Brass Band (Kent)

Active in the 1860s, conductor G. Woodhead in 1868. Originally consisted of workmen from Bunnett & Co., who manufactured steam lifts and hoists. Still active in the late 1880s, contemporary with the New Cross Locomotive Band

Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band (Annan, Dumfriesshire)

Formed in 1901, later known as Annan Town Band and disbanded in 1954. Founding member, euphonium player and conductor, James Philips, left the band around 1905. A successor Annan Town Band was formed in 1961.

Newcastle Industrial (Engineers) Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Formed in the 1900s

Newton Electrical Works Brass Band (Taunton, Somerset)

Active in 1893. Still active in 1895. Newton Electrical Works was founded by Francis Murray Newton in 1889, making dynamos, motors and other electrical equipment. A concert in August 1895 was: Senagambia, Echoes of the Day, Thinking of Thee, Prairie Flower, Sweet and Low, Haddon Hall, Guelph Inauguration March

Newton Engineering Works Band (Taunton, Somerset)

See: Newton Electrical Works Brass Band

Newton's Brass Band (Taunton, Somerset)

See: Newton Electrical Works Brass Band

North Eastern Industries Brass Band (Shildon, Durham)

See: South Durham Industries Brass Band

Orwell Works Brass Band (Ipswich, Suffolk)

Active in 1879. Attached to Ransomes agricultural engineering works. Still active in 1880

Parkinson's Gas Meters Brass Band (Clerkenwell, Middlesex)

Active in 1865, conductor Mr Foxall. Still active in 1866. This was the works band of W. Parkinson & Co. who were the major gas equipment manufacturers in that time (went on to become Parkinson-Cowan)

Patent Plumbago Crucible Company Brass Band (Battersea, Surrey)

Active in 1871 - the Morgan brothers manufactured graphite crucibles, not only for England's Royal Mint but also for mints in India, France and Germany. Known colloquially as the 'Lumbago Brass Band'

Peasenhall Brass Band (Suffolk)

Active in 1862, conductor H. Smyth. Originally founded as the works band for Messrs Smyth & Sons, drill manufacturers. In 1907 it played at Leiston Flower Show. The Cooke and Garnett families are mentioned in records. There is a rumour that the instruments were stored in the attic of the Bell hotel in Saxmundham.

Penn's Factory Brass Band (Deptford, Kent)

See: Messrs Penn and Sons' Brass Band

Plessey Works Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Point of Ayr (EIMCO) Band (Talacre, Flintshire)

See: Point of Ayr Colliery Band

Polypipe (Rossington) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Rossington Colliery Band

Pontifex and Wood's Brass Band (Holborn, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Pontifex and Wood's Excelsior Amateur Brass Band

Ransome Band (Newark, Nottinghamshire)

The Band was formed on the 1st November 1937 as the works band of Ransome and Marles, a well-known bearings manufacturer in Newark. Conductor David Aspinall in 1938. In 1970 the band changed its name to the RHP Works Band. In 1980 the company was no longer able to continue its

financial support, but fortunately the band was able to secure support firstly from Browns Musical of Lincoln and then Airquick (Newark) Ltd. This lasted through the 80's until the early 90's. However 1991 was traumatic in that Airquick (Newark) Ltd was unable to continue with its valuable support. The decline in funds mirrored the Band's rapid decline and it was a struggle to maintain a band at all. At one point there were only 9 stalwart members remaining. In 1992 the heartbreaking decision was made to dissolve the Band and let the traditional Ransome name lapse. News of the Band's imminent demise found its way into the local press which raised a package of support which enabled the Band to continue its championship and concert activity for the next few years. In 1994 major sponsorship was received from NSK-RHP (UK) Ltd, who ironically were successors to the original Ransome and Marles. The band ceased contesting in 2008 and folded around 2013.

Ransome Hoffmann Pollard Works Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Ransome Band

Revo Electric Works Band (Dudley, Staffordshire)

See: Revo Works Brass Band

Revo Works Brass Band (Dudley, Staffordshire)

Formed in 1880 as Tipton St Martins Band, later known as Dudley Port Prize Band and Dudley Port Excelsior Band (active in 1897). Bandmaster J. Roberts in 1907. Became associated with the Revo Works (which manufactured street lighting and household electrical appliances) and took their title in 1928. The band's first broadcast, in 1929, was of two hours in length - a record at that time. Still active into the late 1950s.

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RHP Works Band (Newark, Nottinghamshire)

See: Ransome Band

Rhymney Silver Band (Monmouthshire)

Active from the 1950s to the 1980s. Conducted by Richard Nash in 1969. Probably renamed as the Hymac Rhymney Band, which went on to win the Welsh Regional Championships (3rd Section) in 1976. A youth band also existed in this period.

Rhymney Workmen's Institute (Hymac Works) Band (Monmouthshire)

See: Rhymney Silver Band

Roneo Alcatel Band (Hanwell, Middlesex)

See: Hanwell Brass Band

Roneo Vickers Band (Hanwell, Middlesex)

See: Hanwell Brass Band

Rossington Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Records of the band from 1922-1931 are held by the Lincolnshire Archives. Known as Rossington Colliery Welfare Silver Prize Band in 1959, and later known as Polypipe (Rossington) Band. Also known as: Rossington Colliery (Perry's) Band, Rossington Colliery (Plas Vent) Band, Rossington Colliery (Pozament) Band, and Rossington Main Colliery Band. The band folded around 2000.

Ruston and Hornsby Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

Founded in 1896. Active to the late 1990s or early 2000s. Conductors F. Stevens and E. Bausor in 1904. Ruston and Hornsby Ltd. were engine builders and boilermakers, formed by the merger of Hornsby's works in Grantham (at the Spittlegate Ironworks) with the Lincoln based Rustons. Originally formed as Messrs Hornsby and Sons Brass Band or Spittlegate Iron Works Brass Band, then becoming (and reformed as) Hornsby Temperance Band in 1904, Ruston Engineers Silver Band, Ruston Bucyrus Band from the 1970s to 1993 when it became the Lincolnshire Fire Brigade Band. A concert in October 1904 was: Honest Toil (Rimmer), Caliph of Baghdad (Boieldieu), Il Flauto Magico (Mozart), Dream of Paradise (Hamilton Gray), Eventide (Rimmer), Comfort Ye My People (Handel), And the Glory of the Lord (Handel).

Salmon's Brass Band (Ulverston, Lancashire)

See: Messrs Salmon's Brass Band

Samuelson's Works Brass Band (Banbury, Oxfordshire)

See: Banbury Britannia Works Band

Saxby and Farmer's Brass Band (Kilburn, Middlesex)

Founded in June 1880, conductor M. Seaman, secretary Mr Anderton, treasurer F. Mann, with instruments from Bessons in Euston Road, rehearsing at St Luke's Schoolroom, Neeld Road. First public appearance on Monday 8th November 1880. Still active in 1903. Messrs Saxby and Farmer manufactured railway signalling equipment, and were based in Canterbury Road, Kilburn. Later known as Kilburn Brass Band.

Sheaf Ironworks Brass Band (Lincoln, Lincolnshire)

See: Sheaf Works Brass Band

Sheaf Works Brass Band (Lincoln, Lincolnshire)

Founded in 1895. Active to the 1920s. Conductor William Belcher in 1896-1899. Secretary W. Coulson in 1899, A.J. Wilson in 1902, Mr Thirkettle in 1903. Associated with Ruston, Proctor & Co. factory which produced locomotives and steam shovels. A concert in September 1896 was: Victory (J. Ord Hume), Inez (Ernest Villiers), Trilby (Theodore Bonheur), Just This One (Oliver Herzer), The Darkies' Jubilee (Edward Newton), The Dutch National Anthem, Star of Love (William Rimmer), Hypatia (J. Ord Hume), Crown of Honour (Charles Richards), St Leger (Frank Norman)

Skegness (Hawkins Electrical) Band (Lincolnshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Skegness Silver Band

Skegness Silver Band (Lincolnshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Skegness Town Band, Skegness (Hawkins Electrical) Band

Smith Brothers Brass Band (Hyson Green, Nottinghamshire)

Founded in 1866. Smith Brothers & Co. manufactured brass fittings for locomotive engines. Still active in 1869. Conductor J.W. Kinder in 1869

Smyth and Sons' Brass Band (Peasenhall, Suffolk)

See: Peasenhall Brass Band

Spring Garden Engine Works Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Active in 1866. Thompson, Boyd & Co. was an engineering and ironfoundry firm producing stationary and marine engines at their works in Spring Garden Terrace. Still active in 1868 Conductor Joseph Spinks in 1866-1868

St Andrew's Works Brass Band (Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk)

Active in 1898, 1899, bandmaster Mr Smith, with 18 performers. Attached to Robert Bobby's factory.

St Martin's Band (Dudley, Staffordshire)

See: Revo Works Brass Band

Stafford Brass Band (3) (Staffordshire)

Formed at the English Electric Lichfield Road works in early 1944, conductor W. Lawton. First public appearance at the Borough Hall in May 1944. In the late 1940s the band moved to the Royal British Legion headquarters in Eastgate Street and became Stafford British Legion Band. The band was also later known as the Stafford Borough and British Legion Band and Stafford Concert Brass, and was still active up to the late 1980s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by S. Hartshorn. Members in 1950 included Eddie Barrett, Paul Price, Tommy Hughes, Fred Gee (conductor), Alf Brown, Pete Shepherdson, Philip Wilcox and Bob Pearce. Members in 1962 included: Bill Pegram (baritone), Ken Lakin (euphonium), Norman Bloomfield (trombone /bass), Charlie Raymond (bass), John Price (soprano cornet), Charlie Barrett (librarian), Doug Brew (flugel horn), Frank Pegram (trombone), Paul Price (trombone), David LeMaistre (euphonium), George Bohanon (cornet), Fred Price (cornet), Eddie Barrett (tenor horn), Breyll Taylor (tenor horn), Sam Hartshorne (conductor), Bill Hughes (bass drum), Tommy Hughes (side drum), David Williams (cornet) and Jimmy Clark (cornet).

Staffordshire Band (Staffordshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Walsall Wood Institute Temperance Band (to 1920s), Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band, Walsall Home Guard Band (during WW2), Aldridge Town Band, Aldridge Brownhills Brass Band (1966), Walsall Metropolitan Band (1975), Walsall Servis Band (1980), Walsall Highgate Band (1983), C.I.Group Brass (1988), Staffordshire Building Society Band (1993-1998)

Stamp End Brass Band (Lincoln, Lincolnshire)

See: Stamp End Works Brass Band

Stamp End Works Brass Band (Lincoln, Lincolnshire)

Formed in 1874. Based at Clayton & Shuttleworth Co., manufacturer of traction engines, agricultural machinery and locomotives. Still active in 1875

Stinchcombe Silver Band (Gloucestershire)

Founded as a Brass Band in 1898 by Anthony Williams and continued for over 75 years. During World War II it suffered from a brief suspension of activities, but resumed its charitable and social activities until the nineteen-eighties. It gained a high reputation for its musicianship under Mr. D. Smith who died in recent years. In its heyday it used to provide an annual Christmas concert with a supper and food parcels for the elderly. It also toured the village playing carols outside groups of houses or actually playing inside the larger houses. These were very convivial occasions and one can say that a high note was struck. It also played in Dursley in the festive season and gave concerts and competed, with success, in competitions for local bands. There is a story about the band playing one Christmas to a haystack in the late evening during one of its tours through the lanes, until a walker going in the band's direction called out "that aint a 'ouse - it's a 'aystack". [Note: similar stories are told of Potterspury Band and Woodchurch Band!]. It is sad that this feature of Stinchcombe life has disappeared. Among the village names which figured among many others are; Attwood, Burcombe, Clark, Summers, Woodward,

and the members of the band were ably supported by their wives who undertook the catering for the Christmas party for the pensioners and similar duties for other occasions. The band rehearsed and were based in Lister's Club in Dursley Gloucestershire. They were in the Championship Section in 1997. They disbanded around 2000. During the 1920s to mid-1960s it was known as Lister's Silver Band, or R.A. Lister's Silver Band. The engineering company, R.A. Lister and Co Ltd., had its own military band at one time, as well as the brass band.

Tangye Brothers Brass Band (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

See: Messrs Tangye Brothers and Price Brass Band

Tatham's Works Brass Band (Rochdale, Lancashire)

See: Moss Lane Works Brass Band

Teesside Bridge and Engineering Works Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in the 1950s and 1960s.

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See: Teesside Bridge and Engineering Works Brass Band

Tipton St Martins Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Revo Works Brass Band

Tweedales and Smalley Works Band (Castleton, Lancashire)

Formed in 1943, the instruments being inherited from the Rochdale St John Ambulance Cadets Band. The conductor was J.H. Merrick. The firm bought new instruments in 1945 and Clifton Jones became the musical director, remaining to 1955, when Herbert White took over. Tweedales manufactured textile machinery and operated out of the Globe Works in Castleton.

Vickers Works Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1919

Wallsend Boiler Makers' Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1867, conductor W. Bianchi. Still active in 1884. Conductor James Wilson in 1881-1883, William Sowerby in 1883

Walsall Servis Band (Staffordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Staffordshire Band

Warburtons Bakery Band (Preston, Lancashire)

See: Hoggarths Works Band

Wellworthy Works Brass Band (Lymington, Hampshire)

Formed at the end of WW2 and active through to the late 1950s. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950. Conductor George E. Ball in 1951

Willans and Robinson Works Band (Rugby, Warwickshire)

Active around 1910

Willey and Company Brass Band (Exeter, Devon)

Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Shobrooke in 1903. Willey and Company was an engineering works, primarily manufacturing gas meters for the whole country, but also munitions and equipment in both world wars.

Williams Fairey Band (Stockport, Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Fairey FP (Music) Band

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[previous name of current band] - see: Fairey FP (Music) Band

Y.E.W.C.O. Works Band (Idle, Yorkshire (West Riding))

A band formed by a group of businessmen, in 1944, who bought the rights to use the name "St Hilda's Band", was taken over by the Yorkshire Engineering and Welding Company in 1951. They achieved 5th place in the British Open in 1955 but disbanded soon after.

YEWCO Band (Idle, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Y.E.W.C.O. Works Band

Yorkshire Engineering and Welding Company Band (Idle, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Y.E.W.C.O. Works Band

Manufacturing – glass & bottles



Lemington Glass Works Prize Band

Bagley's (Bottle Works) Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Knottingley (Bagleys) Glass Works Band

Baxendale's Glassworks Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in 1935. Conductor W. Eastwood in 1936

Baxendale's Works Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: Baxendale's Glassworks Brass Band

Bottle House Brass Band (Seaham Harbour, Durham)

See: Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band

Candlish's Bottle Works Band (Seaham Harbour, Durham)

See: Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band

Chance Brothers Brass Band (Oldbury, Worcestershire)

See: Messrs Chance Bros. and Co. Brass Band

Chance's Glass Works Band (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

Founded in 1906, based at the glassworks in Spon Lane, which specialised in blown window glass (having provided glass for the Crystal Palace and the Palace of Westminster)

Denby Bottles Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1895. Still active in 1904

Flint Glass Makers' Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

See: Glass Makers' Brass Band

Glass Houghton Coke and Chemical Works Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1919. Still active in 1938

Glass Makers' Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Active in 1864 - associated with the Union of Flint Glass Makers

Hartley Bottle Works Brass Band (Seaton Sluice, Northumberland)

Active in 1858. The Royal Hartley Bottleworks, which once dominated the harbour, was one of the largest of its kind in England, closing in 1872 after the nearby Hartley Pit closed and the port lost its customers and traffic.

Knottingley (Bagleys) Glass Works Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1890s. Also known as Bagley's (Bottle Works) Brass Band

Knottingley Glass Bottle Company Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Knottingley (Bagleys) Glass Works Band

Lemington Glass Works Prize Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Active in the 1930s

Lewington Glass Works Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1947, probably folded in the 1950s

Londonderry Bottle Works Brass Band (Durham)

See: Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band

Messrs Chance Bros. and Co. Brass Band (Oldbury, Worcestershire)

Active in 1856. Chance Brothers was a glassworks, also known as Oldbury Alkali Works. Still active in 1859. There was also a juvenile brass band attached to the works

Messrs Chance's Juvenile Brass Band (Oldbury, Worcestershire)

Active in 1856, conductor G. Wright. Still active in 1857

Nailsea Glass Works Brass Band (Somerset)

Active in 1866, leader Mr Malin. Still active in 1869

Old Swan Glassworks Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active in the mid to late 1800s

Ryhope South Bottle Works Band (Durham)

Active in 1871

Seaham Bottle Works Band (Durham)

See: Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band

Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band (1) (Durham)

Formed in September 1866. Active through to around 1880. Conductor George Steele in 1879. Based at John Candlish's Bottle Works. Also known as Londonderry Bottle Works Band. A successor band was formed in November 1885

Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band (2) (Durham)

Formed in November 1885. Active through to the 1910s. Conductor Mr Gray in 1899. Based at John Candlish's Bottle Works. Also known as Londonderry Bottle Works Band

Seaton Sluice Bottle Works Brass Band (Northumberland)

See: Hartley Bottle Works Brass Band

Southwick Bottleworks Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1867 to 1869 - conductor G.W. Halden.

St Helens Plate Glass Workers' Brass Band (St Helens, Lancashire)

Active in 1890

Manufacturing – musical instruments

Broadwood Works Brass Band (Westminster, Middlesex)

Formed in 1860. Following a performance by Broadwood's people at the Royal Soho Theatre on 22nd November 1854, regular concerts were undertaken, with the band being formed on 18th April 1860, the players all being employees of the Broadwood Piano factory, their first lesson being taught by T. Sullivan (father of Sir Arthur Sullivan). Conductor H. Sibold in 1864, Charles Doust in 1870. In 1877 the band converted to a string orchestra, and the more proficient members left to form a new society, later known as Westminster Orchestral Society. The Broadwood Band reverted back to an all-brass ensemble in early 1893, under the baton of Frederick W. Davis, with secretary Thomas Wright and treasurer William Thompson, rehearsals being held at the Broadwood Library, Horseferry Road, Westminster, on Monday nights, with members paying 6d a week

Broadwood's Brass Band (Westminster, Middlesex)

See: Broadwood Works Brass Band

Brown's Musical (Ransome) Band (Newark, Nottinghamshire)

See: Ransome Band

Conacher's Brass Band (Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Messrs Conacher and Co.'s Brass Band

Distin's Employees Brass Band (London)

Active in 1861. Formed from employees at the Distin Factory in Great Newport Street, London, conducted by M. Urban.

Hawkes and Company's Excelsior Brass Band (London)

Active in 1870, conducted by H. Sibold

Lewington Yamaha Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1980s and 1990s

Messrs Broadwood's Brass Band (Westminster, Middlesex)

See: Broadwood Works Brass Band

Messrs Conacher and Co.'s Brass Band (Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1867, 1868. Peter Conacher's factory built organs, the first of which was sold to Huddersfield Parish Church.

Ransome Band (Newark, Nottinghamshire)

The Band was formed on the 1st November 1937 as the works band of Ransome and Marles, a well-known bearings manufacturer in Newark. Conductor David Aspinall in 1938. In 1970 the band changed its name to the RHP Works Band. In 1980 the company was no longer able to continue its financial support, but fortunately the band was able to secure support firstly from Browns Musical of Lincoln and then Airquick (Newark) Ltd. This lasted through the 80's until the early 90's. However 1991 was traumatic in that Airquick (Newark) Ltd was unable to continue with its valuable support. The decline in funds mirrored the Band's rapid decline and it was a struggle to maintain a band at all. At one point there were only 9 stalwart members

remaining. In 1992 the heartbreaking decision was made to dissolve the Band and let the traditional Ransome name lapse. News of the Band's imminent demise found its way into the local press which raised a package of support which enabled the Band to continue its championship and concert activity for the next few years. In 1994 major sponsorship was received from NSK-RHP (UK) Ltd, who ironically were successors to the original Ransome and Marles. The band ceased contesting in 2008 and folded around 2013.

Virtuosi GUS Band (Northamptonshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1933 - Former names: Munn And Felton Works Band, G.U.S. (Footwear) Band, Rigid Containers Group Band (1988), GUS Band, Travelsphere Holidays Band (to 2005), GUS Band (to 2006). [Further information - see: Eason, Kevin - Golden Brass: the 50th anniversary of the GUS Band - Chester Printers Ltd - 1983; Mutum, Tim - Virtuosi GUS Band - British Bandsman - (5790) 05-Oct 2013, pp. 10-13]

Manufacturing - paper



Beltonford Paperworks Brass Band

Apsley Mills Brass Band (1) (Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire)

See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band

Apsley Mills Brass Band (2) (Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire)

Founded in October 1894, with £50 being granted by the board of directors of the Mill for the purchase of instruments from Messrs Boosey and Co. The band's first conductor was S.H. Baughen, residing at Hemel Hempstead. A contemporary report states "this is the first brass band that has been set on foot in the village within the memory of the oldest inhabitant". See also John Dickinson (Apsley) Band for a different formation date and early history.

Ballyclare Paper Mills Brass Band (County Antrim)

Active in 1874

Beltonford Brass Band (East Lothian)

See: Beltonford Paperworks Brass Band

Beltonford Paperworks Brass Band (West Barns, East Lothian)

Active in 1881. Still active in 1886. Also known as West Barns Brass Band. The Beltonford Paper Mill was opened in 1865 by Alexander Allandale, and was producing 80 tons of printing paper per week by 1892. Up to 300 people were employed at the works, some 10% of the Dunbar working population. A fire closed the business in 1895.

Bowater Band (Sittingbourne, Kent)

[previous name of current band] - see: UK Paper Band

Bowater Lloyd Band (Sittingbourne, Kent)

[previous name of current band] - see: UK Paper Band

Bowaters Lloyd Silver Band (Sittingbourne, Kent)

Active in the 1940s through 1970s.

Bowaters Sittingbourne Band (Sittingbourne, Kent)

See: Bowaters Lloyd Silver Band

Daily Chronicle Paper Mills Brass Band (Sittingbourne, Kent)

[previous name of current band] - see: UK Paper Band

Dickinson's Apsley Mills Silver Band (Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire)

See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band

Edward Lloyd (Paper Mill) Silver Band (Sittingbourne, Kent)

[previous name of current band] - see: UK Paper Band

Ford Paper Works Brass Band (South Hylton, Durham)

Active in 1898. Still active in 1902. Conductor J.G. Mackintosh in 1898, F.J. Littlemore in 1901. The works band of the Ford Paper Works at Hylton

Ford Works Brass Band (South Hylton, Durham)

See: Ford Paper Works Brass Band

H. Stevenson's Works Silver Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: Hugh Stevenson and Sons Band

Ham Mills Works Band (near Creech St Michael, Somerset)

Active in the early 1900s

Hugh Stevenson and Sons Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in the 1920s to 1940s. Hugh Stevenson and Sons Ltd was a paper box-making business started in 1859 by Mr Hugh Stevenson at Great Marlborough Street, Manchester

John Dickinson (Apsley) Band (Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire)

Formed in 1888 as Dickinson Brass Band, renaming as Dickinson Silver Band at the start of 1899, consisting of employees of the paper makers John Dickinson and Co of Apsley. Conductor S.H. Baughen in 1897-1899. Also known as Apsley Mills Silver Prize Band. The Company eventually withdrew their support, and the band changed its name to the Hemel Hempstead Band, in recognition of the support extended to them by the Borough Council. This continued until sponsorship was gained from Atlas Copco Compressors Ltd in 1983, becoming the Atlas Copco (Dacorum) Band. In August 1986 the band amalgamated with the Berkhamsted and Boxmoor Band to form the Atlas Copco Band (the current Hemel Hempstead Band). 1932 - Chipperfield, Hertfordshire. The RAOB had chosen to come to St Paul's Church for their annual Sunday Festival. The assembled brethren represented a large number of lodges from quite a wide area and, in spite of the threatening weather, the group numbered just one short of a hundred. The group assembled in the Church Institute (now the Village Hall) at 3 p.m. and paraded through the

village led by Dickinson's Silver Band. At 4 p.m. a service was held in the church. Following this, they processed to the war memorial, led by the cross-bearer, vicar and choir and a wreath was laid there. The finale was most impressive. A senior brother ordered the circle of men to link arms and on the command 'Count', each member in succession called out his number in the chain up to 99. The band played Handel's 'Largo' and the line broke up and dispersed. See also Apsley Mills Brass Band (2) for a different formation date and early history.

Lillyburn Works Brass Band (Milton of Campsie, Stirlingshire)

Founded in autumn 1895. Still active in 1902. First public appearance on Saturday 21st December 1895. Conductor Henri Fortune in 1900. Later known as Milton Brass Band. The Lillyburn Works was a paper pulp mill and print works.

Messrs Towgood and Evans' Brass Band (Sawston, Cambridgeshire)

Active in the 1850s, based at the paper mill in the town. More generally known as Sawston Brass Band from the 1880s, but still associated with F. Evans' works, and active through to WW1. Conductor John Webb in 1882, T. Wheston in 1887, Alfred Start in 1899, Fred Webb in 1903. Looking remarkably smart in their new uniforms, welcomed returning soldiers from the Boer War at Linton in July 1901, and headed their village Friendly Society parade in July 1902.

Milton Brass Band (Milton of Campsie, Stirlingshire)

See: Lillyburn Works Brass Band

Mount Sion Works Brass Band (Radcliffe, Lancashire)

Active in the 1940s

Mr Evans' Private Full Brass Band (Sawston, Cambridgeshire)

See: Messrs Towgood and Evans' Brass Band

Polton Mills Band (Loanhead, Midlothian)

Active from the early 1890s. Conductor John Brown in 1897-1904. Won the Scottish Championship title in 1904 and disbanded at the start of WW1.

Sawston Brass Band (Cambridgeshire)

See: Messrs Towgood and Evans' Brass Band

Standfast Works Band (Lancaster, Lancashire)

Formed in 1910. Disbanding during WW2, it reformed in 1946, but only lasted a few years

Towgood and Evans' Brass Band (Sawston, Cambridgeshire)

See: Messrs Towgood and Evans' Brass Band

Tullis Russell Mills Band (Glenrothes, Fife)

[current band] - Founded in 1919 - Former names: Tullis Russell Mills Brass Band. The band in 1955 consisted of: Soprano: Joseph Walsh; Solo Cornet: George C. Baxter, George Dryburgh, Robert McInness, John Campbell; Repiano Cornet: Henry Briggs; 2nd Cornet: Harry Campbell, Dan Campbell; 3rd Cornet: Andrew Thomson; Flugel: John McCombie; Solo Horn: Thomas Garrie; 1st Horn: William Cunningham; 2nd Horn: David Millar; 1st Baritone: Christopher Wallace; 2nd Baritone: Robin Adair; Euphonium: Duncan Campbell, William Rodger; 1st Trombone: Angus Sutherland; 2nd Trombone: Ian Smith, Jack Thomson; Bass Trombone: William Penman; Eb Bass: Andrew Downie, Charles Balsillie; BBb Bass: Alexander Martin, Charles Wallace; Secretary: James B. Murdoch

UK Paper Band (Sittingbourne, Kent)

[current band] - Founded in 1883 - Former names: Daily Chronicle Paper Mills Brass Band, Daily Chronicle Band, Edward Lloyd Band, Edward Lloyd (Paper Mill) Silver Band, Lloyds Silver Band, Bowater Lloyd Band (to 1936), Bowater Band (to 1988), UK Paper Concert Band - Note: Based in Sittingbourne. Conductor W. Haines in 1891

Watchet Paper Mills Brass Band (Somerset)

Active in 1882 to 1884. The mills were owned by Mr Wansborough

West Barns Brass Band (East Lothian)

See: Beltonford Paperworks Brass Band

Withnell Fold Mill Band (Lancashire)

Active from the early 1880s to the 1930s. The mill at one time boasted a Silver "Prize" Band equipped with a full set of silver instruments and a handsome uniform. They were open for engagements and were very much sought after for events such as Walking Days, Garden Parties etc. The Band Master was Mr. Joseph Hargreaves who held that position for a great number of years. Other prominent members were Albert and William Nightingale. Robert and Joseph Marsden - both machine men at the mill in those days but later to become managers of other mills in the group - Jack Jones, Joseph Miller, Fred Fairhurst, Ralph Eccles, Eddie Ambrose, Harry Jones - just to mention a few. They had a room on the mill premises for practices which were held each week, but on summer evenings they rehearsed outside, often marching up and down the road preparing for walking days etc. Mr. Hargreaves was an excellent Band Master and at the same time a very 'droll' Lancashire man. If the band were not performing as well as he thought they ought he would say "Na cum on lads, put a bit o' leet and shade in it, it's like a white washed wa". The Band, like the Cricket team was also transported by the mill lorry whenever playing in any of the surrounding towns, there being no other form of transport capable of carrying both men and instruments, plus some of the villagers who went along to support them, as we were all mighty proud of our Band!

Wookey Hole Mill Brass Band (Somerset)

Active in 1877. The mill was a paper mill owned by the Hodgkinson family

Manufacturing - pottery



Royal Doulton Brass Band

Bo'ness Pottery Brass Band (West Lothian)

Founded in September 1862. They played their first concert in the Town Hall in April 1863. Still active in 1867

Bovey Pottery Brass Band (Devon)

See: Bovey Tracey Potteries Band

Bovey Tracey Potteries Band (Devon)

Active from 1874. Still active in 1892. Conductor George Mountford in 1878

Bovey Tracey Pottery Band (Devon)

See: Bovey Tracey Potteries Band

Chesterfield Brass Band (2) (Derbyshire)

Formed in the late 1960s. Later known as Chesterfield and District Brass Band, Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band. Merged with Ireland Colliery Band in the late 1980s to form Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band.

Doulton and Co. Brass Band (Lambeth, Surrey)

See: Messrs Doulton and Co. Brass Band

Doulton Institute Brass Band (Lambeth, Surrey)

Founded in 1901, with 25 players, conductor F.C.J. Long. First public performance on 9th October 1901. Still active in 1904

Doulton Institute Royal Pottery Brass Band (Lambeth, Surrey)

See: Doulton Institute Brass Band

Fife Pottery Brass Band (Kirkcaldy, Fife)

See: Links Pottery Brass Band

John Knowles Works Band (Woodville, Derbyshire)

Active in the 1930s, linked to the pottery works.

Lambeth Potteries Brass Band (1) (Surrey)

See: Messrs Doulton and Co. Brass Band

Lambeth Potteries Brass Band (2) (Surrey)

See: Doulton Institute Brass Band

Links Pottery Brass Band (Kirkcaldy, Fife)

Active in 1855 to 1859. The David Methven and Sons (Kirkcaldy Pottery) was located in Links Street - famous for its "Wemyss Ware"

Lugwardine Works Military Brass Band (Herefordshire)

Active in 1894, conductor E.L. Godwin. Still active in 1905. Associated with William Godwin's encaustic tile manufacturers

Melling Brass Band (Lancashire)

Centred on Melling Pottery and was made up mainly of pottery workers. Active in the early 1900s to WW1. Bandmaster Joseph Leadbetter in 1903. Still active in 1915

Messrs Doulton and Co. Brass Band (Lambeth, Surrey)

Founded in 1855 among the apprentice lads, still active in 1866. Based at the Lambeth Potteries. A successor band was formed in 1901 (the Doulton Institute Brass Band)

Messrs Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves Brass Band (Jackfield, Shropshire)

Active in 1864. Band composed of workmen from Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves Co. who were encaustic, geometrical and mosaic tile manufacturers

Middlesbrough Pottery Amateur Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active from 1851 to 1857

Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band (Derbyshire)

See: Chesterfield Brass Band (2)

Pottery Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Middlesbrough Pottery Amateur Brass Band

Pottery Instrumental Brass Band (Bo'ness, West Lothian)

See: Bo'ness Pottery Brass Band

Royal Doulton Brass Band (Staffordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Trentham Brass Band

Southwick Wear Pottery Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1869, conductor John Mier

Trentham Brass Band (Staffordshire)

[current band] - Founded in the 1970s - Former names: North Staffordshire Concert Brass, Royal Doulton Brass Band, City of Stoke on Trent Brass Band (to 2004). Members in the 1970s included Nigel Cavill, Derek Deakin, Arthur Allen, John Street, Peter Blakeman, Ted Gray (conductor), Trevor Hazell, Jim Garner, Ray Barraclough, Sid Finney and Bert Woodward.

Manufacturing - rope



Excelsior Ropes Works Band

Barton Ropery Brass Band (Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire)

Formed in late 1858. Associated with Hall's Ropery Works in Barton. Active in 1859 when it performed a concert with the Hull Druids' Brass Band in Barton Temperance Hall. Conductor Stephen Akester in the mid-1860s through to the mid-1890s. Conductor Mr Grainger in 1896, A.G. Franklin in 1904. Reformed in 1873. Known as Barton Model Band through the 1880s into the 1900s. Probably folded during WW1. Mr Doughty was a cornet player in the band at the time of death in an accident at Barrow Mill in July 1902. Secretary Arthur Franklin in 1902-1903

Breckland Brass Band (Brandon, Suffolk)

[current band] - Founded in 1951 - Former names: Green Brothers Band (to 1971). The band in 1961 included: H.R. Bowes (conductor), J. Bean, M. Huella, J. Field, J. Elmer, B. Nobbs, B. Bailey, F. Branch, G. Harbour, K. Hodson, G. Rumsey, G. Warren, T. Hunter, W. Brewer, S. Hawes, G. Jacobs, P. Jacobs, P. Bowes, T. Cox, R. Bailey, N. Brewer, M. Partridge, D. Taylor, H. Bowes, B. Baynes, N. Baynes, and P. Branch.

British Ropes Excelsior Band (Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1969 to 1972

British Ropes Silver Band (Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1940s and 1950s

City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: 13th Glamorgan Rifle Volunteers Corporation Band, Velindre Brass Band, Booker's Works Band, Whitchurch Brass Band (1891), Melingriffith Volunteer and Cadet Corps Band (1919), Melingriffith Works Band (1941), Steel Company of Wales Band,

Excelsior Ropes Works Band (1965), Melingriffith Band (1973), Radyr and Morganstown Band (1992-2000), Radyr and Morganstown (Melingriffith) Band (to 2007). Conductor T. Thomas in 1867, F. Chivers in 1891-1894

Excelsior Ropes Works Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band

Green Brothers Band (Brandon, Suffolk)

[previous name of current band] - see: Breckland Brass Band

Messrs J. and E. Wright's Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Universe Works Brass Band

Universal Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Universe Works Brass Band

Universe Works Brass Band (Saltley, Warwickshire)

Active from 1869 to 1890. This was Messrs John and Edwin Wright's Company, one of the largest rope makers in the country - hemp, manila and wire ropes. In 1870 the band consisted of 32 performers, conducted by H.J. Metcalfe. It was known as the Universe Works Silver Band in 1881 - one of the earliest to adopt the "silver" appellation

Wright's Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Universe Works Brass Band

Manufacturing - soap



Perfection Soap Works Band

Crosfields Perfection Soap Works Band (Warrington, Lancashire)

Founded in 1899. Active to the late 1930s. Bandmaster George Bedford in 1908.

Gossage's Brass Band (Widnes, Lancashire)

See: Gossages Soap Works Band

Gossages Soap Works Band (Widnes, Lancashire)

Active in 1882 when they played at Liverpool football ground, and in 1892 when they competed in an Eisteddfodd at St Helens. Still active up to WW1. Conductor John Brady in 1894

Harper Twelvetees Brass Band (Bromley-by-Bow, Middlesex)

Active in 1860. Harper Twelvetees' company manufactured Penny Patent Soap Powder amongst others, employing some 800 people

Hudson's Dry Soap Works Brass Band (Bank Hall, Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active from the early 1880s through to the 1900s

Oil and Colour Works Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Messrs Blundell, Spence and Co.'s Works Harmonic Brass Band

Perfection Soap Works Band (Warrington, Lancashire)

See: Crosfields Perfection Soap Works Band

Port Sunlight Brass Band (Cheshire)

Founded in November 1890. Active through to 1916. Bandmaster J.H. Jones in 1891. Conductor W. Seddon in 1891-1896. Possibly did not survive WW1. A successor band was formed in 1973

Stanley Dry Soap Works Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active in 1885

Sunlight Works Band (Cheshire)

See: Port Sunlight Brass Band

Warrington Erasmic Soap Works Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s.

Widnes Soap Works Band (Lancashire)

See: Gossages Soap Works Band

Manufacturing - tobacco

C.W.S. (Manchester) Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Formed in 1900 as the CWS Tobacco Factory Band, changed to CWS (Manchester) Band in 1937. It became the City of Manchester Band in 1985, finally disbanding in 1993. A group of workers from the CWS Tobacco Factory in Manchester got together to form a band in 1900, one which quickly made a name for itself on the concert and contest circuit. In September 1901 Mr J C Cragg, the manager of the CWS tobacco factory, built the ad hoc band of his employees, stumped up £300 for some second hand instruments and made himself bandmaster. In 1931 the old Tobacco Band, conducted by J. A. Greenwood was awarded first prize at the Grand Shield Competition at the Crystal Palace. In 1946 the directors of the CWS changed its name to the CWS (Manchester) Band. In 1985 the C.W.S. Board of Directors decided that a brass band was not the image the Co-op wished to promote in the future and made the decision the band would cease to exist. [Further information - see: Franklin, Richard - CWS (Manchester) Band - part 1 - The Brass Herald - (31) December 2009, pp. 60-61; Franklin, Richard - CWS (Manchester) Band - part 2 - The Brass Herald - (32) February 2010, pp. 62-64]

C.W.S. Tobacco Factory Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Co-operative Tobacco Factory Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Cope Brothers and Co. Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Founded in the early 1880s. Still active in 1887. Conductor J.B. Ridge in 1885. Cope Brothers were tobacco manufacturers. A concert programme played in Wavertree Park in 1887 was: Men of Harlech (Linter), Boccacio (Round), Rienzi (Wagner), King's Dragons (Wright), La Perle de l'Italie (E. Marie), Miranda (Euschell), Sylph (Round), Courier (Broadhurst)

Hignett's Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: Hignett's Tobacco Works Band

Hignett's Tobacco Works Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Founded in 1888. Active through to the 1900s

Manchester C.W.S. Tobacco Factory Band (Lancashire)

See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Messrs Stafford, Sons and Oswin's Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active in 1879. Based at J. Stafford, Son & Oswin, in Upper Charles Street , Leicester - they were manufacturers of cigars.

Messrs W.D. and H.O. Wills Brass Band (Bedminster, Gloucestershire)

See: Wills Tobacco Factory Reed and Brass Band

Ogden's Tobacco Works Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active in 1893

Stafford and Oswin's Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: Messrs Stafford, Sons and Oswin's Brass Band

Tobacco Factory Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: Co-operative Wholesale Society's Factory Brass Band

W.D. and H.O. Wills Brass Band (Bedminster, Gloucestershire)

See: Wills Tobacco Factory Reed and Brass Band

Wills Tobacco Factory Reed and Brass Band (Bedminster, Gloucestershire)

Founded in 1888, conductor G.A. Webb. Still active in 1900

Manufacturing – other household goods



Ercol Furniture Company Band

Aldrich Brothers' Brass Band (Diss, Norfolk)

Active in 1903, consisting of employees from the Aldrich Brothers brush and matting factory

Alliance Cabinet Makers' Brass Band (High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire)

Active in 1891, 1892

Andrews Heat for Hire Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Unite the Union Brass Band

Aston's Brass Band (Wrexham, Denbighshire)

See: Messrs Aston's Brass Band

B.O. and S. Band (Kirkcaldy, Fife)

See: Barry Ostlere and Shepherd Band

Barry John, Ostlere Brass Band (Kirkcaldy, Fife)

See: Forth Works Brass Band

Barry Ostlere and Shepherd Band (1) (Kirkcaldy, Fife)

See: Forth Works Brass Band

Barry Ostlere and Shepherd Band (2) (Kirkcaldy, Fife)

Formed in 1902 by the Barry Ostlere and Shepherd jute/linoleum company in Kirkcaldy. Member in 1902 included Gavin Forrester (conductor), J. Sharp, M.B. Forrester, P. Sharp, J. Elder, R.T. Cook. The Band had many successes in Scotland and survived until the mid 1960s when the plant was closed. Band in 1955 consisted of: Conductor: John Faulds; Soprano: A. Cook; Solo Cornet: W. Hunter, J. Peggie, J. Finlay, T. White; Repiano Cornet: W. Lawson; 2nd Cornet: G. Johnstone, T. Scott; 3rd Cornet: T. Hutchinson, D. Matthewson; Flugel: B. Ainslie; Solo Horn: D. Clark; 1st Horn: H. Briggs; 2nd Horn: S. Hutchinson; 1st Baritone: A. Smart; 2nd Baritone: D. Wallace; Euphonium: T.

Wright, J. Wedlock; 1st Trombone: G. Gilmour; 2nd Trombone: J. Scott; Bass Trombone: J. Todd; Eb Bass: T. Johnstone, G. Mowat; BBb Bass: J. Spalding, R. Michie; Secretary: W. Faulds

Bleak House Brass Band (Chiswick, Middlesex)

Active in 1903, conductor Mr Stahl. Bleak House was the name given to Sanderson's Social Club on Chiswick High Road. Arthur Sanderson & Sons manufactured wallpaper in Chiswick from 1879.

Brison and Co.'s Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs Walter and Brison's Brass Band

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Cabinet Makers' Brass Band (Bethnal Green, Middlesex)

Active in 1892

Clark and Sons Workpeople's Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Walsall Borough Brass Band

Crossley's Carpet Works Band (Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1950, wound up in 1969. Records of the band 1950-1969 held in Halifax Public Library. The origins of the band date back to December 1949 when fifteen workers at the Crossley factory near Halifax and two others, provided the music for the firm's works carol service. From that nucleus the band quickly became established aided by generous support from the company, winning its first contest in 1951 - the Fourth Section Area contest. By 1969 the band had ceased contesting. It was overdrawn at the bank by £1,000 and only a few of the players worked for Crossleys. Furthermore, the parent - company at that time was in critical talks for a merger with a major rival. In its edition of 28th June 1969, British Bandsman reported that the band had been wound up by the directors who, through company press officer Willa Mooje, also stated that it was not company policy to create work for musicians. [Further information - see: Anon - Sounding Brass from Dean Clough Mills (History of Crossley Carpets Band)]

Crown Works Brass Band (Bermondsey, Surrey)

Active in 1880, the band of Messrs George M. Hammer and Co., who were school and church furnishers, based at the Crown Works, St James Road, Bermondsey (and also at 370 Strand)

Dalkeith Burgh Band (Midlothian)

Formed after the end of WW1 as the Westgate band, which was linked to the Henry Widnell and Stuart Carpet Factory in Dalkeith (Westfield). Changed name to Dalkeith Burgh Band sometime before 1929, as it led the Gala Day procession in that year, in the gap left by the earlier Dalkeith and Westfield Trades Band. It played at the local gala day crowning in 1953 in King's Park - the same day as the Queen's coronation. Merged with Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band in 1989 to form Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band.

Decorative Art Works Band (Sunbury, Middlesex)

See: Sunbury Brass Band

Duke and Sons Brass Band (Penshurst, Kent)

Active in 1853 to 1865. Duke and Sons manufactured sports equipment and made the first-ever six-seam cricket ball in 1780. Also known as Penshurst Brass Band. A successor band was formed in 1879

Ercol Furniture Company Band (High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire)

Active in 1914 and 1921 and the 1940s through to 2007.

Eskbank Carpet Works Brass Band (Midlothian)

Active in 1891

Forth Works Brass Band (Kirkcaldy, Fife)

Active in 1896. Still active in 1902. Conductor Peter Sharp in 1897-1899, John Russell in 1900. The works band of Barry John, Ostlere & Co. Limited, floor cloth & linoleum manufacturers. A successor band was formed in 1902 (after the works were taken over in 1899 and combined with others in the town to form Barry, Ostlere and Shepherd Ltd)

Furniture Industries (Ercols) Works Band (High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire)

See: Ercol Furniture Company Band

Gill and Ward's Brass Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

See: Messrs Gill and Ward's Brass Band

Greenslade's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs E.A. and W. Greenslade's Brass Band

Hardy Patent Pick Company Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1894, conductor W. Hepworth. Still active in 1897

High Wycombe Furnishing Trades Lock-out Band (Buckinghamshire)

See: Furniture Industries (Ercols) Works Band

Hillier and Salisbury's Brush Factory Brass Band (Wells, Somerset)

See: Wells City Band (2)

Hillier's Brush Manufacturing Band (Wells, Somerset)

See: Wells City Band (2)

John Coates and Sons' Brass Band (Sunderland, Durham)

Active in 1890, conductor E. Jacobs. John Coates and Sons' Ltd were a large supplier of furnishings and furniture based at Fawcett Street and Borough Road

Messrs Aston's Brass Band (Wrexham, Denbighshire)

Founded in 1913. Aston's manufactured household furnishings

Messrs Brison and Co.'s Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs Walter and Brison's Brass Band

Messrs Clark and Sons Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Walsall Borough Brass Band

Messrs E.A. and W. Greenslade's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1863. Greenslade's were brush manufacturers in Thomas Street.

Messrs George M. Hammer and Co. Brass Band (Bermondsey, Surrey)

See: Crown Works Brass Band

Messrs Gill and Ward's Brass Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

Active in 1858 to 1861. Conductor W. Green in 1860. Gill & Ward's was a large ironmonger's business in the city.

Messrs Hillier and Salisbury's Brush Factory Brass Band (Wells, Somerset)

See: Wells City Band (2)

Messrs Rolfe and Harris' Brass Band (Islington, Middlesex)

Active in 1868, composed of workmen from the company. Rolfe & Harris were composition frame manufacturers, based at 47½ Arlington Street, New North Road, Islington. The company, founded by John Rolfe and Samuel Harris, was wound up in 1886

Messrs Sanderson's Social Club Brass Band (Chiswick, Middlesex)

See: Bleak House Brass Band

Messrs Tomlin and Sons Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active in 1872. E. Tomlin and Sons, of Union Street, Leicester, were cutlery and shoe machinery manufacturers

Messrs Walter and Brison's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1861. Conductor U. Richardson in 1862. Walter & Brison manufactured brushes and bellows at their factory in Redcliff Street, and was established by John Parr Walter and Emmanuel Brison (the latter actually retired from the business in 1859). Took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864

Midland Amateur Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

Active in 1866, conductor Henry Nicholson. The band consisted of 14 employees of Evans & Stafford Co. in Campbell Street, who were agricultural seed merchants, grocers, and cigar manufacturers

Provident Brushworks Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Walsall Borough Brass Band

Rolfe and Harris' Brass Band (Islington, Middlesex)

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Spicers Silver Band (Cambridge, Cambridgeshire)

See: Spicers Works Brass Band

Spicers Works Brass Band (Cambridge, Cambridgeshire)

Active in the 1950s and early 1960s. Spicers were wholesale stationers

Spittal Brass Band (1) (Northumberland)

Founded in 1877. Active through to 1888. Linked to Messrs Thomas Black and Sons, Sea View Works, Spittal, who manufactured spade, shovels and forks. Conductor John Jackson in 1879, Thomas Jackson in 1880. James Rutherford (d. 1939) started his musical career as a drummer with the Spittal Band in 1878, but soon became their solo cornet player, remaining as such until it disbanded.

Stewart Brothers' Works Brass Band (Eskbank, Midlothian)

See: Eskbank Carpet Works Brass Band

Sunbury Art Works Band (Middlesex)

See: Sunbury Brass Band

Sunbury Brass Band (Middlesex)

Founded in 1885 as the Decorative Art Works Brass Band. Active through to the 1920s. Conductor J. Fane in 1887-1893, A.L. Preston in 1901, A.L. Jackson in 1903. Secretary D.M. Sutherland in 1887. Associated with the Sunbury Decorative Art Works operated by the Patent Impermeable Millboard Company. This produced the decorated embossed wall covering known as Lincrusta - a wall version of linoleum (also invented by the founder, Frederick Walton). James O'Neil was a player in the band at the time of his death in May 1886

Sunbury Decorative Art Works Band (Middlesex)

See: Sunbury Brass Band

Thomas Black and Sons' Brass Band (Spittal, Northumberland)

See: Spittal Brass Band (1)

Tomlin and Sons Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: Messrs Tomlin and Sons Brass Band

Unite the Union Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded before June 1895 as Sheffield Recreation Brass Band, by William Thomas Bestwick, a Sheffield Police Inspector. Former names: Sheffield Recreation Brass Band, City of Sheffield Band (1970s), Quaker Sutherland Band, Andrews Heat for Hire Band (1980-4), City of

Sheffield Band, Stocksbridge Engineering Steels Band (1988), UES Stocksbridge Band (1990s), ASDA Stocksbridge Band (2000), Stocksbridge Band (2002), City of Sheffield Band (to 2012) - Note: Absorbed remains of Sheffield Transport Band in the 1950s. [Further information - see: Branston, Jack - Stocksbridge Old Brass Band, in History of Stocksbridge - c. 1975?] Bandmaster W.T. Bestwick in 1895, Arnold Bagshaw in 1904-1905, D.C. Bargery in 1905, H. Kelly in 1916

Walsall Borough Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1887 to WW1. Originally formed as Walsall Provident Brass Band, and associated with the Provident Brush Works, owned by D. Clark and Sons who were wholesale and retail brush manufacturers. Conductor Mr Kerr in 1888, Thomas Allsopp in 1890, H. James Grundy in 1896-1900, Levi Hood in 1914. It was renamed Walsall Borough Brass Band in 1898. Secretary, A. Moore in 1898. There was a report in 1917 of some "corruption" which had indirectly caused the demise of the company.

Walter and Brison's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs Walter and Brison's Brass Band

Wells City Band (2) (Somerset)

Founded in 1887 as Wells Excelsior Brass Band, conductor Arthur Hillier, making their first public appearance on 22nd October 1887. Known as Wells City Band from the early 1890s. As most of the players were workmen from Hillier's works, it was originally also known as known as Hillier's Brush Manufacturing Band, and Hillier's Brush Manufacturing Band. Conductor A. Bennett in 1890-1892, James Adlam in 1897. Active to the 1950s. A successor band was formed in 1989.

Withington Brass Band (Herefordshire)

Active in 1886 to 1903. Conductor E.L. Godwin in 1902. Associated with the Godwin Tile Works

Withington Works Brass Band (Herefordshire)

See: Withington Brass Band

Ynyshir (Stacks of Tiles) Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Ynyshir Band

Ynyshir Band (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1946 - Former names: Ynyshir and Wattstown Colliery Band, Ynyshir Welfare Band, Ynyshir (Stacks of Tiles) Band (1999)

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Callender's Cable Works Band

B.I.H.C. (British Insulated and Helsby Cables) Band (Prescot, Lancashire)

See: Prescot Cables Band

BICC Band (Erith, Kent)

See: Callender's Cable Works Band

Billingham Silver Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1941 - Former names: Stockton-on-Tees Home Guard Band (to 1943), Stockton-on-Tees Malleable Works and Institute Band (to 1966), Billingham New Silver Band (to 1970)

Braby and Co.'s Brass Band (Marylebone, Middlesex)

See: Fitzroy Works Brass Band

British Aluminium Band (Camelon, Stirlingshire)

Active from 1943 to 1951. Conductor John Williamson in 1951

British Insulated and Helsby Cables Band (Prescot, Lancashire)

See: Prescot Cables Band

British Insulated Cables Band (Prescot) (Prescot, Lancashire)

See: Prescot Cables Band

British Insulated Cables Callender's Band (Erith, Kent)

See: Callender's Cable Works Band

British Insulated Cables Company Brass Band (Prescot, Lancashire)

See: Prescot Cables Band

Burry Port Copper Works Brass Band (Carmarthenshire)

See: Burry Port Town Band (1)

Burry Port Town Band (1) (Carmarthenshire)

Originally formed as Elliotts Smelting Works Band in 1896. It quickly established itself playing at local fetes and marches, raising money for both

itself and worthy causes. One such example was a march for the destitute and unemployed people of Kidwelly, which raised about £8, a considerable amount of money at the turn of the century. Conductor Rufus Fletcher in 1899. The lifeblood for most bands is on the competing stage and this was as important in the 1920's as it is today. In those days the band had to make it's own way to contest venues by train. It was fortunate that the band's rehearsal room was in the Neptune buildings adjacent to the station. Just before the outbreak of the Second World War the bands' fortunes took a turn for the worse and they disbanded. Elliott's Smelting Works were originally founded as Elkington & Mason's Copper Smelting Works before being taken over by the Selly Oak based Elliott's company. A successor band was formed in 1972.

Butterworth's Vale Brassworks Band (Rochdale, Lancashire)

Active in 1918

Callender's Cable Works Band (Erith, Kent)

Formed in 1898 as the Belvedere Baptist Temperance Band. This arose when some members of the Belvedere Salvation Army Band were given an ultimatum to cease playing their favourite march "Now or Never", which was a secular piece, or leave. They left and formed the Baptist Band, with J. Maycock as Bandmaster. They soon amalgamated with the Belvedere Military Band and were then renamed the Belvedere Excelsior Brass Band, still with Maycock as bandmaster and E.H. Alder as conductor. Secretary Mr Harris in 1902. In 1907 the entire membership was working for Callender's and they sought and won sponsorship from the company. The band was at its height in the 1920s with three second places in the National Championships and the British Open, together with several recordings and many broadcasts which maintained the high profile of the band through the Second World War. When Callender's Cable and Construction Company merged with British Insulated Cables in 1945 to form British Insulated Callender's Cables, the band became the BICC Band. The band was still honouring commitments to play for the BBC in December 1960 when the following month BICC decided to close down the band. When it disbanded, its library was purchased by the current Haydock Band, the players retained their instruments and the bandroom at the works was eventually bulldozed to the ground. [Further information - see: Frampton, George - *The Hope of the South: The Heyday of the Callender Cable Works Band* - Bygone Kent, 19(4), April 1998, pp209-215; Evans, M. - *Desert Flower: A Personalised Account of the Callender's Cable Works Band*, 2002]

Cannock Crown Tube Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1879, 1880

Chard Junction Brass Band (Somerset)

See: Perry Street Works Brass Band

Cinderford Wireworks Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in the 1870s/1880s. The Forest Vale Iron Works was established around 1850 and by 1856 the works had come to be known as the Cinderford Wireworks, and by 1880 took the form of a well equipped factory with a foundry, rolls and shears, employing 100 men. It had a huge steam hammer, which gave its name to the nearby beer house the "Forge Hammer". The works closed around 1895.

City of Birmingham Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

[current band] - Founded in the 1940s - Former names: Fisher and Ludlow Band, Fisher and Ludlow Works Band, Pressed Steel Fisher Band (to 1976)

- Cordes Brass Band** (Newport, Monmouthshire)
See: Cordes Works Brass Band
- Cordes Works Brass Band** (Newport, Monmouthshire)
 Active in 1859. Still active in 1860. J.J. Cordes & Co. Ltd was a firm of nail manufacturers
- Cradley Chainmakers' Brass Band** (Staffordshire)
 Active in 1892. Possibly linked to Congreave's Iron Works
- Crittalls Works Band** (Braintree, Essex)
 Active in the 1930s. Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1937, conducted by AM Knight. Crittalls manufactured metal windows
- Crown Tube Works Brass Band** (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)
 Active from the early 1860s to WW1. Bandmaster W. Blandford in 1862, 1869, Albert Barnsley in 1866-1903. Russell & Sons Crown Tubeworks Wednesbury.
- Earle Bourne and Co. Brass Band** (Rotton Park, Warwickshire)
 Active in the 1900s. Earle Bourne was a Rolling and Tube Mills works.
- Elliott's Metal Co. (I.C.I.) Band** (Selly Oak, Worcestershire)
See: Elliott's Metal Works Brass Band
- Elliott's Metal Works Brass Band** (Selly Oak, Worcestershire)
 Active in the 1920s and 1930s
- Elliott's Smelting Works Band** (Burry Port, Carmarthenshire)
See: Burry Port Town Band (1)
- Ellmore's Can and Basket Works Brass Band** (Syston, Leicestershire)
See: Syston Band
- Errington's Brass Band** (Sunderland, Durham)
 Active in 1867, conducted by T. Ticehurst/Tyhurst. Mr Errington owned a brass-founding works
- Falkirk Aluminium Works Band** (Stirlingshire)
 Active in the 1940s and 1950s
- Fitzroy Brass Band** (Marylebone, Middlesex)
See: Fitzroy Works Brass Band
- Fitzroy Ironworks Brass Band** (Marylebone, Middlesex)
See: Fitzroy Works Brass Band
- Fitzroy Works Brass Band** (Marylebone, Middlesex)
 Active in 1863. Still active in 1886. The Fitzroy works were located in Euston Road, owned by Frederick Braby & Co., Wholesale and Export Manufacturers of Zinc, Galvanized Iron, Tanks, Perorated Zinc, Roofing Felt, etc. Conductor Mr Peck in 1870, G. Cheeseman in 1883-1886
- Forest Vale Wire Works Band** (Cinderford, Gloucestershire)
 Formed in the 1880s
- Foster's Brass Band** (Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Messrs W.H. Foster's Brass Band
- GKN Sankey's Castle Works Band** (Hadley, Shropshire)
See: Sankey's Castle Works Band
- Globe Tube Works Band** (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)
 Active in the 1860s and 1890s. The Globe Tube works were in operation from 1849 until the early 1880s, when the business failed. The works reopened in 1882 after being acquired by John Spencer, who owned the Crown Tube Works.
- Globe Tube Works Saxhorn Band** (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)
See: Globe Tube Works Band

Gower Iron and Tin Plate Works Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1874, 1875

Great Bridge Victoria Tube Works Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1862, competing in a contest at Wolverhampton. Conductor John Fisher in 1864

Hadley Brothers' Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Mitre Cut Nail Works Brass Band

Hay Mill Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in 1880 to 1888. Associated with James Horsfall's wire works which produced wire for products such as pianos, needles, fish hooks, umbrella frames and the armoured wire for the first transatlantic telegraph cable (using 30,000 miles of wire)

Hay Mills Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Hay Mill Works Band

Hutton and Sons' Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: William Hutton and Sons' Brass Band

Ireland Alloys Band (Hoyland, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Strata Brass

Ironplate Workers' and Braziers' Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in 1873. Comprised of workers at Thomas Whitfield & Co.'s factory in Freeth Street.

J.J. Cordes Works Brass Band (Newport, Monmouthshire)

See: Cordes Works Brass Band

Junction Works and Victoria Tube Works Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)

Active in 1862

Lambert Brothers Tube Works Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

Active in 1864 to 1866

Langley Ploughmaker's Band (Warwickshire)

The works band of the W.J. Hillson, Swan Foundry iron works in Langley/Claverdon. Formed around the 1860s

Lench's Excelsior Works Band (Blackheath, Staffordshire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Based at Thomas William Lench's works in Blackheath, a firm making bolts and structural fasteners since 1880.

Llanelli and District Silver Band (Carmarthenshire)

Founded in 1912 as Llanelli Public Band. Later known as Llanelli Town Band and Pressed Steel Fisher Llanelli Band. Folded in the mid 2000s. Conductor David John in 1925

Lysaght's Orb Works Brass Band (Newport, Monmouthshire)

Formed under Bandmaster Jack Marsh when the men returned from the Great War, and the first parade was at the reunion at Somerton Park in 1919. Mr. A. Leyshon (late of New Tredegar and Cwm Prize Bands), who has a lifetime experience of first-class contesting was placed in charge in 1924, since when the band has been known as "The Newport Popular Band" and are regularly engaged for the important events in Monmouthshire and adjoining counties. Their repertoire consists of the works of all the great masters and they can be guaranteed to give a programme suitable to any occasion. Mr. Fred Pugh and Mr. Brad. Shergold are the only members who were members at the time of its formation. Mr. Owen Davies has been the Hon. Secretary for the past seven years. As reward for perseverance and success, Mr. W. R. Lysaght has

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Lysaght's St Vincent's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1882, numbering "over 20 performers". Still active in 1894. Formed by men in the employ of Messrs Lysaght & Co. (a.k.a. J. Lysaght's) who were galvanising and sheet steel makers

Market Rasen RPC Band (Lincolnshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Resdev Market Rasen Band

Messrs F. Braby and Co.'s Brass Band (Marylebone, Middlesex)

See: Fitzroy Works Brass Band

Messrs J.J. Cordes Brass Band (Newport, Monmouthshire)

See: Cordes Works Brass Band

Messrs Lambert's Tube Works Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Lambert Brothers Tube Works Brass Band

Messrs Shackleford and Ford's Brass Band (Cheltenham, Gloucestershire)

Active in 1864. Shackleford and Ford were spelter workers

Messrs W.H. Foster's Brass Band (Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1895. W.H. Foster operated a brass foundry in the town

Metal Trades Council Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in 1925

Metal Turners' Brass Band (Woolwich, Kent)

Active in 1885, conductor Mr McGilligan. The band consisted of workers (metal turners) from the Main Factory, Royal Laboratory

Metropolitan Cable Works Band (Chadwell Heath, Essex)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Mitre Cut Nail Works Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in 1871. The company was owned by Hadley Brothers, in Eyre Street

Mond Silver Band (Clydach, Glamorgan)

See: Mond's Nickel Works Band

Mond's Nickel Works Band (Clydach, Glamorgan)

Founded in 1906, active through to WW1. A learners' class was started in 1916 under A.E. Sherwood

Newport Popular Band (Monmouthshire)

See: Lysaght's Orb Works Brass Band

Nut and Bolt Makers' Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in 1877

Patent Nut and Bolt Company Brass Band (Cwmbran, Monmouthshire)

Active in 1870. The company were originally based in Smethwick but had expanded to include the works at Cwmbran

Perry Street Works Brass Band (Tatworth, Somerset)

Founded in 1904, associated with the Perry Street Works Working Men's Club. Active through to 1914. Conductor Mr Davey in 1914. The works were a water-powered forge mill, driven by a large waterwheel, also housing a textile factory. Also known as Chard Junction Brass Band

Plumbago Works Brass Band (Battersea, Surrey)

See: Patent Plumbago Crucible Company Brass Band

Prescot Cables Band (Lancashire)

Formed 1890. "Cousins" to the famous Callenders Cable Works Band. Conductor Mr. W. Boots in 1920s. When the latter disbanded in 1961 the Prescot Cables Band received their redundant uniforms. Still active in the late 1980s

Pressed Steel Company Limited Works Band (Cowley, Oxfordshire)

Formed in January 1941 as a military band for the Pressed Steel Company Home Guard. Reformed as a brass band in December 1944. Achieved the Championship Section in 1947. Based at the Pressed Steel Works in Cowley, the present-day location of the Mini factory, this band ran into difficulties during the period of the three-day week in early 1974. The remaining players joined the City of Oxford Band, who were themselves at that time somewhat depleted following the successive splittings-off of Oxford Concert Brass in 1972 and Kennington (Oxford) in 1973. The band's library came into the possession of the Wantage Band.

Pressed Steel Cowley Band (Cowley, Oxfordshire)

See: Pressed Steel Company Limited Works Band

Pressed Steel Fisher Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Birmingham Brass Band

Pressed Steel Fisher Llanelli Band (Carmarthenshire)

See: Llanelli and District Silver Band

Redcar Rolling Mills Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Formed in the 1890s and folded in 1905. Its instruments were sold to Cockerton Band for £250.

Rise Carr Rolling Mills Brass Band (Darlington, Durham)

Active in the mid-1890s. Conductor A. Locksley in 1897, W.S. Crowther in 1899-1900. Disbanded in 1905. Its silver-plated instruments were purchased by the Cockerton Brass Band, which then renamed itself the Cockerton Silver Band.

Rist's Cable Works Band (Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire)

Active in the 1950s to mid-1960s. In 1952 they organised their own slow melody contest. Conducted by William Skelton in the 1960s.

Rist's Wires and Cables Band (Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire)

See: Rist's Cable Works Band

Russell and Sons Crown Tube Works Band (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)

See: Crown Tube Works Brass Band

Russell's Tube Works Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Alma Tube Works Band

Sankey's Castle Works Band (Hadley, Shropshire)

Active in the early 1930s, linked to Joseph Sankey and Son Ltd, (metal and ironworks) in Hadley. Disbanded in 1961 (and some of their players went and

formed the Dawley New Town Band). Whilst continuing to perform at concerts and contests, it came as a shock to be told by the Sankey Works Directors in March 1961, that the company no longer needed a brass band. The final march played at the band's last works Monday lunchtime concert was Colonel Bogey. The bandsmen knew why! Years of top class music making, concerts and Championship Banding thus ended."

Shackleford and Ford's Brass Band (Cheltenham, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs Shackleford and Ford's Brass Band

Shipman's Workmen's Brass Band (Attercliffe, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1891. Still active in 1892. Based at J. Shipman & Co. - steel and wire works

Shipman's Works Brass Band (Attercliffe, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Shipman's Workmen's Brass Band

Showell and Sons' Brass Band (Stirchley, Worcestershire)

Active in the mid-1880s. The company were brass founders, producing architectural brassware and art metal work, based at the Stirchley Brass Foundry, Charlotte Road, Stirchley.

South Hylton Rolling Mills Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1874, conductor Mr Easton

South Shields Boilermakers' Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1883

Stevenson Box Works Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

When it disbanded its instruments helped to form the Central Manchester Band.

Stockbridge Works Brass Band (near Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1861, conductor Hugh Betcliff

Stocks Bridge Works Brass Band (near Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Stockbridge Works Brass Band

Stockton Malleable and Rail Mill Band (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

See: Stockton Malleable Iron Works Brass Band (1)

Stockton Malleable Institute Band (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

See: Stockton Malleable Iron Works Brass Band (2)

Stockton-on-Tees Malleable Works and Institute Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Billingham Silver Band

Strata Brass (Hoyland, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Hoyland Town Band, Wards Brewery (Hoyland) Band, Ireland Alloys Band, Weaver Building Group Band

Syston Band (Leicestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1971 - Former names: Syston Silver Band, Syston Royal British Legion Band (from 1972 to 1995)

T.W. Lench Excelsior Works Band (Blackheath, Staffordshire)

See: Lench's Excelsior Works Band

Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals) (Lancashire)

[current band] - Founded in 1876, leader Mr Hinchcliffe - Former names: Tyldesley Good Templars Band, Tyldesley Temperance Brass Band (1882), Tyldesley Wesleyan Temperance Prize Band, Tyldesley Temperance Prize Band (1906), Tyldesley Subscription Prize Band (1920), Tyldesley Prize Band (1940s), Tyldesley Band (1983), Lancastrian Building Society Tyldesley Band (1988). Conductor Joseph Sheppard in 1879-1882. [Further information - see: Jones, J.L. - Tyldesley Prize Band: A Potted History]

Wednesbury Crown Tube Works Band (Staffordshire)

See: Crown Tube Works Brass Band

Wednesbury Globe Tube Works Band (Staffordshire)

See: Globe Tube Works Band

Wednesbury Tube Works Band (Staffordshire)

See: Crown Tube Works Brass Band

William Hutton and Sons' Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1896. William Hutton and Sons' Ltd manufactured cutlery, based in West Street, Sheffield. They were one of the earliest to use electro-plating, and invented a new nickel alloy called "British Plate"

Williams' Brass Band (Reading, Berkshire)

Active in the 1840s - linked to the Williams Ironmongery and Tin Factory.

Wolverhampton Tube Works Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Active in the 1850s and 1860s.

Yorkshire Copper Works Band (Stourton, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Imperial Band

Yorkshire Imperial Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1999 - Note: Amalgamation of DUT Yorkshire Imperial Band and Rothwell Band

Yorkshire Imperial Metals Band (Stourton, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Imperial Band

Metal working – brass & copper

Oakamoor Mills Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1893, conductor J. Shipley. Still active in 1904. Conductor H. Collier in 1904. The mill, owned by the Bolton family, manufactured copper and brass wire

Metal working – iron & steel



Lincoln Malleable Prize Silver Band

Abernant Iron Works Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1873

Albert Foundry Works Band (County Antrim)

Folded before 1950, when its instruments were sold to the new Ballyduff Silver Band

Albert Street Iron Works Band (Bilston, Staffordshire)

Active in 1892

Ancholme Iron Works Brass Band (Brigg, Lincolnshire)

Founded in 1857, conducted by Mr Acey. The ironworks were owned by James Hart and Sons.

Appleby Frodingham Steel Works Band (Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire)

Formed in November 1946 when the company bought the assets of a local subscription band. Active through the 1940s/50s/60s. Conductor in 1950 was William H. Kendall. Secretary: A. Peace. The band in 1957 was: T. Leaning, T. Nicholson, T. Edgar, R. Smith, B. Clark, G. Ursell, R. Roberts, H.V. Temple, A. Gammidge, J.A. Lister, P. Camplin, N. Wrightson, A. Wilson, A.J.B. Wilkins, R. Millett, A. Smith, R.B. Kendall, D. Torrie, R. Pullen, V.C. Wilkins, J. Cubitt, W.H. Kendall (conductor), C. Gammidge (bandmaster), S. Taylor and J. Brown.

Armstrong Whitworth Steelworks (Openshaw) Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in the 1920s

Askham Ironworks Brass Band (Westmorland)

Participated in a bands contest in Barrow in 1885

- Atlas Steel Works Brass Band** (Brightside, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Founded in 1904, conductor J. Tait. Still active in 1905. Based at the John Brown company steelworks.
- Atlas Works Brass Band** (Brightside, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Atlas Steel Works Brass Band
- Avon Side Engineers' Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
See: Avonside Ironworks Brass Band
- Avonside Ironworks Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
Active in 1860, 1861
- Ayrton Rolling Mills Brass Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
Active in 1873, conductor Mr Lester. The mills were owned by Jones Brothers
- Bagnall's Works Brass Band** (West Bromwich, Staffordshire)
See: Goldshill Ironworks Band
- Baldwin's Workmen's Band** (Kenfig, Glamorgan)
A band started at the South Wales Dowlais Ironworks in 1846. However the company went through numerous ownership changes until in 1930 the heavy steel industrial plants of Guest Keen and Nettlefolds and Company Limited, amalgamated with Baldwins Limited, to form the British (Guest, Keen Baldwins) Iron and Steel Company Ltd. In 1936 the name of the Company changed to Guest Keen Baldwins Iron and Steel Company Limited. Actively contested after WW1. Still active in 1948
- Bamford's Brass Band** (Uttoxeter, Staffordshire)
See: Leighton Ironworks Brass Band
- Bank Foundry Brass Band** (Blackburn, Lancashire)
See: Harrison and Sons (Bank Foundry) Brass Band
- Barrow Hill and Staveley United Prize Band** (Derbyshire)
See: Staveley Works Brass Band (1)
- Barrow Hill and Staveley Works Silver Prize Band** (Derbyshire)
See: Staveley Works Brass Band (1)
- Barrow Hill Brass Band** (Derbyshire)
See: Staveley Works Brass Band (1)
- Barrow Iron and Steelworks Brass Band** (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Barrow Steelworks Band
- Barrow Steelworks Band** (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)
[current band] - Founded in 1884 - Former names: Rising Star Lifeboat Crew Brass Band, Barrow Wire and Steelworkers' Union Band, Barrow Iron and Steelworks Brass Band (1888-1950s)
- Barrow Wire and Steelworkers' Union Band** (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Barrow Steelworks Band
- Beardmore's Works Brass Band** (Mossend, Lanarkshire)
Founded in 1908. Active into the 1920s
- Bedford Foundry Brass Band** (Bedfordshire)
Active in 1863, 1864
- Bedlington Iron Works Brass Band** (Northumberland)
Active in 1851 to the 1880s
- Bell Bros Works Band** (Durham)
See: Bell Brothers Iron Works Band
- Bell Brothers Iron Works Band** (Port Clarence, Durham)
Active in 1912

Belmont Grange Brass Band (Durham)

Founded in December 1889. Still active in 1905. Conductor Alfred Wright in 1900, George Haslam in 1901. C. Stephenson was a player in 1901 prior to his emmigration to Canada. Linked to Belmont Hall, and the Grange iron works.

Bessemer Brass Band (Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Phoenix Bessemer Works Brass Band

Biddulph Valley Coal and Ironworks Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Biddulph Valley Ironworks Band

Biddulph Valley Ironworks Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1874 through to 1891. Conductor John Bailey (euphonium player late of Leeds Forge, Black Dyke and Ferndale bands) in the late 1880s. Thomas Allsopp played soprano cornet and was deputy bandmaster in the late 1880s

Biddulph Works Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Biddulph Valley Ironworks Band

Blackburn Ironfounders Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1884

Blackburn's Steel Works Band (Preston, Lancashire)

See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Blackhill Teetotal Brass Band (Durham)

See: Consett Iron Works Band

Blackhill Temperance Band (Durham)

See: Consett Iron Works Band

Blaina Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

Formed in 1817 and converted to all brass in 1832 with Enbach instruments from Amsterdam. The band was originally known as Brown's Works Band, supported by the local Brown's Ironworks. Later also known as Blaina Lancaster Band, Blaina New Lancaster Town Band, Blaina Town Band and Blaina and District Silver Band. The band which competed in the Merthyr Contest in July 1892 was: Conductor W. Lewis, T. Escott, T. Tem, R. Lewis, L. Bainton, J. Dyer, L. Lewis, D. Beynon, F. Meyrick, A. Dyer, T. Whitmarsh, J. Elkins, C. Fear, M. Rees, W. Filey, W. Crew, J. Lott, W. Crew, T. Gain, J. Manning, G. Price, L. Lewis, J. Bond, T. Williams, J. Lewis. In 1894 it came sixth in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. F. Birkenshaw. They competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Folded around 2000. Conductors: Carl Sheffier (1817-), Mr Rogers in 1853, John Bailey (1898-1903), J. Martin (1904-1909), J.B. Yorke (1914-1946)

Blochairn Ironworks Brass Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)

Active in 1864

Bolckow and Vaughan's Middlesbrough Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in the 1850s and 1860s, based at the ironmaking and mining company at South Bank, Middlesbrough. Conductor Mr Macintosh in 1857

Booker's Works Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band

Bowling Ironworks Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1850s through to 1877. Conductor in 1860 was Joseph Allen (d. 1877).

Bramley and Farnley Ironworks Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Farnley Ironworks Band

Britannia Ironworks Brass Band (Bedford, Bedfordshire)

See: Bedford Foundry Brass Band

- Britannia Ironworks Brass Band** (Gainsborough, Lincolnshire)
See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band
- Britannia Ironworks Brass Band** (Fence Houses, Durham)
See: Hopper and Radcliffe Iron Works Brass Band
- Britannia Works Band** (Gainsborough, Lincolnshire)
See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band
- British Iron Works Brass Band** (Cradley Heath, Staffordshire)
See: Corngreave's Iron Works Brass Band
- British Steel Band (Port Talbot)** (Glamorgan)
[previous name of current band] - see: Tata Brass Band
- British Steel Company North Skelton Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: North Skelton and District Band
- British Steel Dodworth Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band
- British Steel Teesside Band** (North Skelton, Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: North Skelton and District Band
- Broad Street Brass Band** (Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire)
See: Perkins and Bellamy's Ironworks Band
- Broad Street Iron Works Brass Band** (Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire)
See: Perkins and Bellamy's Ironworks Band
- Brown's Works Band** (Blaina, Monmouthshire)
See: Blaina Brass Band
- Brymbo Brass Band** (Denbighshire)
See: Brymbo Steel Works Band
- Brymbo Steel Works Band** (Denbighshire)
 Active from the early 1890s through to the 1940s. Conductor in 1899, J. Davies, in 1913, David Mathias. Presumably folded by the early 60s, when a worker installing a crane in the loft space of the old steel works stores discovered a complete set of brass band instruments covered in dust, which looked as if they had been there for years. Inquiries were made with the steelworks management and several days later they had gone. The steelworks themselves closed in 1990.
- Buffalo Ironworks Brass Band** (Dearham, Cumberland)
 Active in 1873, conductor John Allan
- Cameron Ironworks Band** (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band
- Cammell and Company's Works Brass Band** (Workington, Cumberland)
 Founded in 1891, based at the iron and steel works
- Canal Ironworks Band** (Shipley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active before WW1 and through to the 1940s.
- Canal Ironworks Brass Band** (Shipley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active before WW1 and through to the 1940s.
- Cargo Fleet Ironworks Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Cargo Fleet Works Band
- Cargo Fleet Steelworks Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Cargo Fleet Works Band
- Cargo Fleet Works Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
 Formed in the early 1900s or 1910s by bandmaster E.R. Pritchard on the behest of the steelworks manager, Mr. G.A. Wilson and active through to the late 1970s

Carlin How Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Skinningrove Iron and Steel Works Band

Carlton Iron Works Brass Band (Stillington, Durham)

Active in 1883. Still active in 1900

Carlton Ironworks Temperance Brass Band (Stillington, Durham)

See: Carlton Iron Works Brass Band

Carnforth Brass Band (1) (Lancashire)

See: Carnforth Iron Works Brass Band

Carnforth Iron Works Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1872

Carron Brass Band (Falkirk, Stirlingshire)

See: Carron Works Band

Carron Ironworks Brass Band (Falkirk, Stirlingshire)

See: Carron Works Band

Carron Works Band (Falkirk, Stirlingshire)

Active from the 1850s through to the early 1900s. Gained four Second Section placings in the Scottish Championships of 1896, 97, 99 and 1900. Conductor James Clark in 1882, J. McDonald in 1890, F. Macdonald in 1895-1900. The band was associated with the local Carron Iron Works which was founded in 1759 and was at the forefront of the Industrial Revolution becoming one of the largest ironworks in Europe throughout the 1800s. A concert in August 1895 was: Mary of Argyle (F. McDonald), Grand Fantasia on Scotch Airs (Kappy), Incarnatus, from Mozart's 12th Mass (F. McDonald), Grand Fantasia on Irish Melodies (Kappy), Bell Ami (Josef Meslier), Resolution (Faust)

City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: 13th Glamorgan Rifle Volunteers Corporation Band, Velindre Brass Band, Booker's Works Band, Whitchurch Brass Band (1891), Melingriffith Volunteer and Cadet Corps Band (1919), Melingriffith Works Band (1941), Steel Company of Wales Band, Excelsior Ropes Works Band (1965), Melingriffith Band (1973), Radyr and Morganstown Band (1992-2000), Radyr and Morganstown (Melingriffith) Band (to 2007). Conductor T. Thomas in 1867, F. Chivers in 1891-1894

City of Lincoln Band (Lincolnshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1891 as Lincoln Malleable Iron Works Band. The ironworks were owned by Messrs F.H. Harrison & Co. First public appearance on Friday 4th September 1891, parading the streets of Lincoln, 28 performers, with conductor Mr Tyrrell - Former names: Lincoln Malleable Iron Works Band, Lincoln Borough Band (to 1987). In 1894 the members included: W. Rowley, solo cornet, H. Fieldsend, 2nd cornet, W. Nicholson, tenor horn and E. Cox, euphonium. Conductor William Belcher in March 1894-1896. Conductor Mr Cox in 1898. [Further information - see: Sheriff, Les - The City of Lincoln Band - 1893 to 1993 - Centenary Celebration; Theobald, Judy - Band together [City of Lincoln Band] - Lincolnshire Life, vol 42 no. 1, April 2002 p.47]

Cleveland Ironworks Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Cleveland Steelworks Brass Band

Cleveland Steelworks Brass Band (South Bank, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Formed in 1888 and active through to WW1. Conductors Thomas Winter in 1894, A. Blackburn in 1899, Thomas Winter in 1899-1907

Coltness Brass Band (2) (Lanarkshire)

See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

Coltness Iron Works Silver Band (Lanarkshire)

Formed in 1898. Principal cornet John Cuthbert and euphonium William Arnott in 1900. It became First Section Scottish Champions in 1907, 1941-3, 1945 and 1949. Following a difficult period after the ravages of the 1914-18 War, the band regained its former level and glory during the 1930s and 1940s. It became Newmains and District Colliery Band in the 1950s to 1970s, then Hutchinsons Coaches Band in the 1980s and early 1990s, reverting to Newmains Band before folding in the late 1990s.

Coltness Works Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

Consett Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Morrison Busty Colliery Band (to 1974), Consett Steel Works Band, Consett BSC Works Band (to 1980), Consett Whitbread Band, Whitbread Castle Eden Band (to 1988)

Consett BSC Works Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Consett Band

Consett Iron Company Workmen's Band (Durham)

See: Consett Iron Works Band

Consett Iron Company's Teetotal Brass Band (Durham)

See: Consett Iron Works Band

Consett Iron Works Band (Durham)

Active from 1875 as Blackhill Teetotal Brass Band. Still active in 1912. Taught by Thomas Woods for 20 years until his death in 1895. Conductor J. Clemitson in 1881. In June 1884 it arranged a band contest. Probably folded during WW1.

Consett Steel Works Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Consett Band

Corngreave's Brass Band (Cradley Heath, Staffordshire)

See: Corngreave's Iron Works Brass Band

Corngreave's Iron Works Brass Band (Cradley Heath, Staffordshire)

Active in 1855 to 1882. Conductor Mr Curnock in 1877

Corus (Port Talbot) Brass Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Tata Brass Band

Corus Concert Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Tata Brass Band

Cradley Forge Saxhorn Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1867, conductor Mr Bennett

Crescent Iron Works Band (Salford, Lancashire)

Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Cyclops Works Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1865. Still active in 1870. The Cyclops Iron and Steel Works were based in Saville Street, owned by Charles Cammell & Co.

D and L Redcar Works Band (Redcar, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Dorman Long and Company Works Band

Dallam Forge Brass Band (1) (Lower Ince, Lancashire)

Founded around January 1876, with 14 players, conductor John Princepp. The band rehearsed for two to three hours a week at the Hall of Ince School. Dallam Forge operated at two sites - Warrington and Ince. The band folded sometime prior to 1881, when a successor band was formed.

Dallam Forge Brass Band (2) (Lower Ince, Lancashire)

See: Moss Side Ironworks Brass Band

Dalzeil Steelworks Silver Band (Motherwell, Lanarkshire)

Active in the 1920s

Dannemora Brass Band (2) (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Dannemora Steel Works Brass Band

Dannemora Steel Works Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1884. Still active in 1965. Conductor W.H. Hepworth in 1890, R. Richford in 1891-1905. Secretary E. Robinson in 1886, T.C. Shuttleworth in 1888. Won the selection contest held in Doncaster at the Salutation Inn on 14 April 1900. Active in 1931. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by E. Foster. The steel works were operated by Messrs Seebohm and Dieckstahle.

Dannemora Steelworks Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Dannemora Steel Works Brass Band

Darlington Forge Band (Durham)

Active from 1919 through to the 1930s. Newspaper report from April 1924 - "Opening of Darlington's new lake. With 3,000 people watching and Darlington Forge Band playing, the Mayor stepped ceremonially into a motor boat, which promptly failed to start."

Darlington Forge Company Band (Durham)

See: Darlington Forge Band

Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band (Colchester, Essex)

Formed in 1884 under the patronage of the works owner, James Paxman. The first bandmaster was Mr McQuade. Conductor Mr Gees in 1900. Following the wane of the Paxman empire in 1908 the band folded.

Dawes Brass Band (Elsecar, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Milton Ironworks Brass Band

Derwent Iron and Steel Works Band (Seaton, Cumberland)

Active in the 1890s

Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1836 - Former names: Dodworth Prize Band, Dodworth Miners Welfare Band, Dodworth Colliery Band, British Steel Dodworth Band, JWE Mobile Phone Dodworth Band (1993?-1996), Dodworth Miners Welfare Phoenix Band, Dodworth Phoenix Band. Conductor W. Allen in 1867, James Moorhouse in 1894-1905. Officers in 1890 included: T.V. Wentworth, president; T. Taylor, president; C.H. Cobbold, chairman & treasurer; Mr Wills, secretary. The band's papers (1887-1942) are held at the Barnsley Archive and Local Studies Department

Dorman Long and Company Works Band (Redcar, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Formed as Dorman's Works Band in 1875, and still active in 1950

Dorman's Works Band (Redcar, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Dorman Long and Company Works Band

Dronfield Steel Works Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1878

Eckington United Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Eckington Works Brass Band

Eckington Works Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1888, attached to the local iron works. Still active in the 1970s. Secretary William Mallaband in 1892. Briefly folded around 1895 when it was described as "late", but was quickly active again. Known as Eckington United Brass Band from the late 1890s. Thomas Lynch, one of the players, had a fit and fell to the ground in March 1891. Competed in the Crystal Palace

Championships in the 1930s. Contemporary with Eckington Town Brass Band in its early years

Eckington Works United Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Eckington Works Brass Band

Eglinton Iron Works Band (Kilwinning, Ayrshire)

Active in 1874. Still active in 1877. The ironworks was at Blacklands, Kilwinning, Ayrshire.

Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band (Preston, Lancashire)

Formed before 1900. In 1901 it advertised itself with "Besson's Prototype Instruments, New Uniforms, Up to Date Music" and the secretary was J.W. Laycock, chairman G.M. Browell. Conductor W. Young in 1904. It was later known as Dick Kerr English Electrical Works Band in the 1920s and then later still, Blackburn's Steel Work's Band in the 1930s. Probably folded before or during WW2. Secretary J.W. Laycock in 1901. Some press cuttings about the band: Preston Guardian - 13th April 1901. "There was a Gala at Penwortham on Easter Monday. The Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band arranged the gathering. The band, some 27 strong, arranged in brand-new uniforms discoursed selections and dance music with considerable skill". Preston Herald - 3rd September 1902, "Preston Guild Processions. In the Trades Procession there were: - Electric Railway and Tramway Carriage Works Band. The Catholic Guild procession contained: Electric Car Works Band (Preston). The Church of England Schools had: Electric Car Works (Preston) Brass Band." Lancashire Daily Post - 31st December 1917 "1,500 children were entertained at the Public Hall on Saturday 29th to coffee, buns and fruit tart. 3,000 nearly swamped the Dick Kerr Band and watched pictures provided by Frank Foster of the Marathon. The event was organised by the Preston Borough Police for the poor children's fund." Lancashire Daily Post - 5th May 1919. "Dick Kerr's Band. Yesterday DKB gave two performances at PNE ground. Bad weather kept the crowds away but the poor crowd enjoyed playing that has rarely, if ever, been excelled by a local band. Further concert on Whit Sunday." Lancashire Daily Post - 3rd July 1926: "Sat 17th at Rob Green Farm, Fishwick, Preston Conservative Gala (Preston parks are not available for political events.) programme included The Dick, Kerr Prize Band playing for dancing." Preston Guardian - 1st December 1934. "Preston Band's Quartet Success. A Quartet from Blackburn Steel Works Band (Ex Dick Kerr's) won the Rushworth and Draper's Shield at Liverpool on Saturday. T. Berry, Solo Cornet, A. Whitehead, Second Cornet, L. Beck, Solo Horn and J. Dixon, Euphonium".

Erimus Works Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Formed in 1898 and still active in 1913. Based at the steel works in the town.

Erith Iron Works Brass Band (Kent)

Active in 1872. The works were established in 1864 in Anchor Bay by William Anderson

Eston Steel Works Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in 1893. Still active in 1900

Falkirk Foundry Brass Band (Stirlingshire)

See: Falkirk Iron Works Band

Falkirk Iron Works Band (Stirlingshire)

Founded in 1856. Still active in 1896. Conductor James Walker in 1879. William Thompson was leader in the 1860s/early 1870s

Falmouth Foundry Brass Band (Cornwall)

Founded in 1885. Still active in 1886

Farnley Ironworks Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the 1860s. Still active in 1905. Conductor W. Jasper in 1865. At Winterton Agricultural show in 1903, Farnley Iron Works Band provided the programme of music. Farnley Iron Works was founded in 1846. Farnley Iron Works produced more bricks than iron and eventually became part of the Leeds Fireclay Co (1889). It produced both household and firebricks.

Farnley Ironworks Temperance Brass Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Farnley Ironworks Band

Forest Vale Brass Band (Cinderford, Gloucestershire)

See: Forest Vale Ironworks Band

Forest Vale Ironworks Band (Cinderford, Gloucestershire)

Formed before 1869. Still active in 1884. Conductor Mr Wilson in 1877, G. Reeves in 1881

Foundry Brass Band (Cornwall)

Engagements for this band can be found in 1885/86. Their first engagement, in 1885, was given an encouraging report in the local press, then in 1886 they played at a regatta in Falmouth, and that seems to be that!

G.K.B. Steel Works Home Guard Band (Port Talbot, Glamorgan)

Active in 1942. Associated with the Guest Keen, Baldwins steel works

Gainsborough Britannia Band (Lincolnshire)

See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band

Gainsborough Britannia Works Band (Lincolnshire)

Formed in 1878 at Messrs. Marshalls Ironworks, by John F. Cook and J. Vickers. At first it only numbered 8 or 9 members but quickly grew to 24 by 1882 when they entered their first contest at Droylsden. Hugh Whitham of Cleckheaton was appointed conductor and, together with new instruments bought through a subscription list, the band made their first inroads into the prizes. Conductor Mr Crabtree in 1887. Secretary J. Mason in 1891, William Pycock in 1902. It competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Around 1950 the Band of Britannia Works, Gainsborough, became the new Lincolnshire champions in the annual brass band contest at Cleethorpes, beating Brigg Town Silver Band, runners-up for the last two years to the Grimsby Band, by four points. Grimsby was unplaced. Other bands taking part were from Cleethorpes, Horncastle, Kirton and Lincoln. When the sponsorship from Marshalls ceased in 1972, the band sought a new home, finding it at Spillers Ltd, in Carr Lane. It officially became the Spillers (Gainsborough) Band in 1973, and won the National Championships (Second section) in 1974. John Golland, the famous brass band composer, took up the conductorship of the band in 1976. The band folded in 1980 following the withdrawal of support from Spillers. [Further information - see: Edlington, Susan & Edlington, Sara - Marshall's of Gainsborough: from a local point of view. Vol. 1, The Trent Works and Britannia Band, S. Edlington, Doncaster, 1999. ISBN: 0953493415]

Gainsborough Ironworks Prize Band (Lincolnshire)

See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band

Gartsherrie Ironworks Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Gartsherrie Silver Band

Gartsherrie Silver Band (Lanarkshire)

Active from the 1890s to the late 1960s. It was sponsored by Gartsherrie Ironworks, Coatbridge.

Glasgow Iron and Steel Works Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in the early 1900s through to the 1920s

Glasgow Iron Company Brass Band (Motherwell, Lanarkshire)

Active in 1856

Glasgow Ironworks Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in 1860

Glengarnock Brass Band (Ayrshire)

Active in 1863 to 1885. Associated with the Glengarnock Steel Works, operated by Merry and Cunninghame

Glengarnock Iron Works Band (Ayrshire)

See: Glengarnock Brass Band

Gold's Hill Saxhorn Band (West Bromwich, Staffordshire)

See: Goldshill Ironworks Band

Goldshill Brass Band (West Bromwich, Staffordshire)

See: Goldshill Ironworks Band

Goldshill Ironworks Band (West Bromwich, Staffordshire)

Active in 1854 to 1900. In 1860 when it won 3rd place at the Crystal Palace contest, conductor J. Blandford. Later known as Gold's Hill Saxhorn Band. Conductor W. Shepherd in 1886. It was still active in 1899. Linked to James Bagnall's Ironworks at Goldshill.

Goldshill Town Band (West Bromwich, Staffordshire)

See: Goldshill Ironworks Band

Grange Iron Works Brass Band (Belmont, Durham)

One member was Alfred Agincourt Wright, who was presented with a silver cornet by the band inscribed with his name, the band name, and "in recognition of his valuable services rendered to that band". The iron works closed in the 1920s so it is presumed the band folded then.

Grange Ironworks Brass Band (Belmont, Durham)

See: Belmont Grange Brass Band

Grangetown Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Grangetown Steelworks Band

Grangetown Steelworks Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in the 1880s and 1890s through to WW1. J. Gardener bandmaster in 1904. Also known as Grangetown Brass Band

Greenbank Foundry Brass Band (Blackburn, Lancashire)

Active in 1884. Still active in 1887. Conductor Mr Campbell in 1884. Played a football match against Haslingden Church Brass Band in 1884, resulting in a 0-0 draw

Grosmont Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Grosmont Iron Works Brass Band

Grosmont Iron Works Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active from 1874 to the 1910s. Conductor Thomas Wood in 1884, Easton Jackson in 1881-1885, Thomas Aaron in 1887-91. Treasurer George Hogarth in 1889. Also known as Grosmont Brass Band

Grosmont Ironworkers' Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Grosmont Iron Works Brass Band

Grosmont Works Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Grosmont Iron Works Brass Band

Haematite Iron Works Brass Band (Workington, Cumberland)

See: Workington Iron Works Brass Band

Harrison and Sons (Bank Foundry) Brass Band (Blackburn, Lancashire)

Active in 1852, 1854

Hawks, Crawshay and Sons Brass Band (Gateshead, Durham)

See: Messrs Hawks, Crawshay and Sons Brass Band

Head Wrightson Works Band (Yarm, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Yarm and District Band

Hepworth Iron Works Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the 1880s through to at least 1945.

Hirwaun Iron and Coal Company Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1865, conductor Mr Hardman

Holmes Mills Prize Band (Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1922. Active to the mid-1970s. Linked to J.J. Habershon and Sons Steel Works in Rotherham. Conductors Ike Patterson 1922-1932, Charles Elsom 1933-1940, Walter Hargreaves 1946-1965, Harry Ingle 1969-1975. Played at the Wickersley Silver Jubilee celebrations on May 6th, 1935. Also the King Edward VII School sports day on 24 March 1945. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by W. Hargreaves. Renamed Habershon Silver Band in 1963

Hopkins and Co.'s Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Teesside Ironworks Brass Band

Hopkins, Gilkes and Co. Works Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

On July 21, 1865, William Randolph Innes Hopkins married Everald Catherine Elizabeth Hustler at St Mary's Church, Acklam, and a lavish reception was held at the hall owned by the bride's father. The Hopkins, Gilkes and Co. Works Band played, flags flew from public buildings, and at the Ironworks shots were fired from miniature cannons.

Hopper and Radcliffe Iron Works Brass Band (Fence Houses, Durham)

Active in 1871. Based at the Britannia Iron Works owned by Hopper & Radcliffe.

Ilkeston Brass (Derbyshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Stanton Ironworks Band, Stanton Works Band, (to 1960s) - Note: The band still rehearses on old Stanton Iron Works site near to the Motorway, continuing its links with the past. In the mid-seventies, a television serial called Sounding Brass, starring Brian Glover, was produced by Granada, based around the workings, romances and personalities of a local brass band - much as the recent Brassed Off film portrayed. The writer, Don Shaw, followed Ilkeston Brass to concerts, contests, marches and pubs for nearly 6 months before he wrote and produced the series. Ilkeston Brass were chosen as the Band for the series, a great honour.

James' Brothers Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: James' Foundry Company Brass Band

James' Company Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: James' Foundry Company Brass Band

James' Foundry Company Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

Active from the early 1860s. They played at the Cottage Hospital Gala in August 1865. Still active in 1867

James' Iron Works Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: James' Foundry Company Brass Band

Jarrow Rolling Mills Brass Band (Durham)

Formed in May 1865, conductor Thomas Carter, following the "lock-out" in Jarrow earlier, during which time there were nightly musical reunions while the men were kept from their employment. £20 for instruments was raised by the members, with £40 from Messrs Palmer. Still active in 1867

Jessop's Steel Works Brass Band (Brightside, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Messrs W. Jessop and Sons Works Brass Band

John Summers and Sons Steelworks Band (Shotton, Flintshire)

Active from 1919. Amalgamated with the Connahs Quay Silver Prize Band in 1972 to form the new Deeside Silver Band

Jones Brothers Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Ayrton Rolling Mills Brass Band

Junction Foundry Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in 1858

Killamarsh Steel Works Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1863

Kilwinning Iron Works Band (Ayrshire)

See: Eglinton Iron Works Band

Kirkhouse Brass Band (1) (Cumberland)

Active from the 1850s. Also known as Kirkhouse Foundry Brass Band. A successor band was formed in 1885.

Kirkhouse Foundry Band (Cumberland)

See: Kirkhouse Brass Band (1)

Lagan Foundry Brass Band (Belfast, County Antrim)

Active in 1860

Leadbeater and Scott's Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1889. Still active in 1893. Leadbetter and Scott were steel manufacturers in Penistone Road. Conductor W.H. Taylor in 1891

Leeds Forge Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Instituted 1882 by the head of the Leeds Forge Company, Samuel Fox one-time Mayor of Harrogate. Members were originally all workmen in the Leeds Forge Company's Works. The practices took place in the Forge every Sunday from 10.30 to 12.30, with several others held during the week. The players were equipped with two sets of instruments, two sets of uniforms and full rehearsal accommodations. Fox was very ambitious and offered gold medals and further funding if they could beat Besses o' th' Barn Band. Leader was Meek Hesling in 1886 until his death in 1888. They began contesting in 1886 and made a very successful start with high placings in the British Open. Following changes in management at the Forge the band was disbanded in 1892 with all instruments and equipment recalled.

Leeds Wellington Foundry Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

Leighton Ironworks Brass Band (Utttoxeter, Staffordshire)

Active from 1890 to the 1920s. Conductor G. Turner in 1890, Mr Morris in 1893. The band was supported by Samuel Bamford, the owner of the Leighton Ironworks (which was established in 1871 in addition to the Bamford Ironmongery business founded in 1845). The works band of Bamfords Ltd (Agricultural Machinery) in Utttoxeter

- Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band** (Lincolnshire)
Active in 1890s to 1920s. Won 2nd prize and the Daily Telegraph Cup, in the Crystal Palace Championships in 1920. Conductor Ellerby Cox in 1903
- Lincoln Ironworks Band** (Lincolnshire)
See: Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band
- Lincoln Malleable Iron Works Band** (Lincolnshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: City of Lincoln Band
- Lincoln Malleable Ironworks Silver Band** (Lincolnshire)
See: Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band
- Lloyd's Ironworks Brass Band** (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)
Active in the 1860s - contemporary with the Lloyd's Steel and Axle Works Band
- Lofthouse Mines Brass Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Skinningrove Miners' Brass Band
- Loftus Iron Works Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Skinningrove Iron and Steel Works Band
- London Works Brass Band** (Smethwick, Staffordshire)
Active in 1867, 1868
- Low Moor Brass Band** (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active from the 1840s to the 1860s. Consisted exclusively of workmen from the Low Moor Ironworks
- Low Moor Ironworks Band** (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1857. Conductor J. Rhodes in 1860.
- Lugar Brass Band (1)** (Ayrshire)
Active in 1859 to 1873. Conductor William Crawford in 1862, Mr Millar in 1869-1871. Associated with the local ironworks
- Lugar Ironworks Brass Band** (Ayrshire)
See: Lugar Brass Band (1)
- Lugar Works' Brass Band** (Ayrshire)
See: Lugar Ironworks Brass Band
- Lysaght's Steel Works Brass Band** (Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire)
See: Normanby Park Steelworks Brass Band
- Malleable Iron Works Brass Band** (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)
See: Stockton Malleable Iron Works Brass Band (1)
- Marshall's Iron Works Brass Band** (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)
See: Marshall's Monway Works Brass Band
- Marshall's Monway Works Brass Band** (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)
Active in the 1860s, based at Marshall's Ironworks in Portway Road, Wednesbury. Conductor Mr Broome in 1870. Still active in 1873
- Mather and Platt Brass Band** (Lancashire)
Active in the 1880s, also active in 1948 - based at the Mather and Platt Ironworks in Newton Heath
- Melingriffith Works Band** (Glamorgan)
[previous name of current band] - see: City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band
- Mersey Steel and Iron Company Brass Band** (Liverpool, Lancashire)
Active in 1856
- Messrs Bagnall's Works Brass Band** (West Bromwich, Staffordshire)
See: Goldshill Ironworks Band
- Messrs Bamford and Son's Brass Band** (Utttoxeter, Staffordshire)
See: Leighton Ironworks Brass Band

- Messrs Bamford's Brass Band** (Uttoxeter, Staffordshire)
See: Leighton Ironworks Brass Band
- Messrs Bolckow and Vaughan's Brass Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Bolckow and Vaughan's Middlesbrough Band
- Messrs Hopkins and Co.'s Brass Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Teesside Ironworks Brass Band
- Messrs Jones and Attwood's Brass Band** (Stourbridge, Worcestershire)
See: Titan Iron Works Brass Band
- Messrs Jones Brothers Brass Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Ayrton Rolling Mills Brass Band
- Messrs Murdoch, Aitken & Co. Brass Band** (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)
See: Hill Street Foundry Instrumental Band
- Messrs Snowdon and Hopkins' Iron Works Brass Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Teesside Ironworks Brass Band
- Messrs W. Jessop and Sons Works Brass Band** (Brightside, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1865, conductor George Wade in 1866. Jessop's was steel works based in Sheffield. Still active in 1871
- Messrs W.H. and George Dawes Brass Band** (Elsecar, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Milton Ironworks Brass Band
- Messrs Whitwell's Brass Band** (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)
See: Thornaby Iron Works Brass Band
- Middlesbrough Iron Works Brass Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Bolckow and Vaughan's Middlesbrough Band
- Middlesbrough Tees Ironworks Brass Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Teesside Ironworks Brass Band
- Millom Ironworks Brass Band** (Cumberland)
 Active in the late 1880s into the 1890s
- Millwall Iron Works Brass Band** (Middlesex)
 Active in 1857 (as Millwall Phoenix Amateur Brass Band) and the 1860s, associated with the Millwall Iron Works, Ship Building and Graving Docks Company Ltd.
- Millwall Phoenix Amateur Brass Band** (Middlesex)
See: Millwall Iron Works Brass Band
- Milton Ironworks Brass Band** (Elsecar, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1858, composed of workmen from the foundry owned by Messrs W.H. and George Dawes.
- Monk Bridge Iron Works Brass Band** (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1850s. Played at the celebrations for the laying of the foundation stone for the Holbeck Mechanics Institute, in March 1858
- Monkbridge Brass Band** (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Monk Bridge Iron Works Brass Band
- Monkwearmouth Iron Works Brass Band** (Durham)
 Active in 1879, conductor J.G. Cooper
- Monway Iron Works Band** (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)
See: Marshall's Monway Works Brass Band

Moss Side Ironworks Brass Band (Lower Ince, Lancashire)

Founded in May 1881, conductor Mr Prinsep. Still active in 1888. Conductor Sam Williams in 1888. Players were all employees of Messrs Pearson and Knowles' Coal and Iron Company, Dallam Forge. 13 brass instruments, costing £90, were purchased from R.J. Ward & Sons, Liverpool.

Mossend Beardmore Welfare Works Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Beardmore's Works Brass Band

Mostyn Ironworks Brass Band (Flintshire)

Active in 1902

Murdoch, Aitken & Co. Brass Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)

See: Hill Street Foundry Instrumental Band

Netherton Brass Band (near Dudley, Staffordshire)

Formed in 1858, still active in 1887. Originally associated with the Netherton Iron Works

Netherton Iron Works Brass Band (near Dudley, Staffordshire)

See: Netherton Brass Band

New British Iron Company Band (Ruabon, Denbighshire)

See: New British Iron Works Brass Band

New British Iron Works Brass Band (Ruabon, Denbighshire)

Active from 1863. Conductor R. Johnson in 1870-1871, E. Daniels in 1875

New Tredegar Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in 1852 through to the early 1950s. Conductor Robert Wilde in 1894. Known as New Tredegar Workmen's Band before WW1 and New Tredegar and Tirphil Silver Band after WW2. Formed by George Homfray, owner of the Tredegar Ironworks in the early 1850s.

New Tredegar Workmen's Band (Monmouthshire)

See: New Tredegar Brass Band

Newburn Steelworks Brass Band (Northumberland)

See: Spencer's Steelworks Brass Band

Newmains Brass Band (2) (Lanarkshire)

See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

Newport Rolling Mills Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in 1891. Still active in 1895

Niddrie Brass Band (Midlothian)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Benjamin Sim was its conductor for the first eight months of its existence.

Niddrie Foundry Band (Midlothian)

See: Niddrie Brass Band

Normanby Park Steelworks Brass Band (Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire)

Active in the 1920s and the 1930s. Took part in the Scunthorpe coronation celebrations of 1937.

North Hampshire Ironworks Band (Basingstoke, Hampshire)

Active in the 1900s. Attached to the Wallis and Stevens Ltd foundry in Basingstoke

North Skelton and District Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Formed in 1969, in 1984 they were renamed North Skelton (British Steel) Band, then subsequently British Steel Company North Skelton Band, Teesside Brass and finally British Steel Teesside Band, folding in the late 1990s. North Skelton Junior band, latterly Lanbaugh Brass, assumed the name North Skelton Band in 2008.

North Yorkshire Iron Works Band (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

Active in 1872 to 1874

Old Hill Ironworks Band (Netherton, Staffordshire)

Active in 1891 - belonged to Noah Hingley and Sons Ironworks, producing 18,000 tons of pig iron per annum.

Old Park Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Old Park Iron Works Brass Band

Old Park Iron Works Brass Band (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)

Active in 1866 to 1870

Omoa Brass Band (Cleland, Lanarkshire)

Active from 1861, attached to the local ironworks

Omoa Iron Works Brass Band (Cleland, Lanarkshire)

See: Omoa Brass Band

Parkgate Iron Company Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Parkgate Works Brass Band

Parkgate Works Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1871, based at the Parkgate Iron Company

Parkhead Forge Silver Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)

Formed in 1918 by workers at William Beardmore and Co., Glasgow. It flourished for several years before going into decline only to rise again in the 1940s gaining the Scottish Championship title. Principal cornet in 1938 was William Summerhill. The band in 1955 consisted of: Conductor: Charles Telfer; Soprano: A. Glen; Solo Cornet: William Brown, William Duff, P. Moore, D. Gilmour; Repiano Cornet: W. Landells; 2nd Cornet: I. Foster; 3rd Cornet: A. Beavers; Flugel: P. Diamond; Solo Horn: G. Greenhorn; 1st Horn: T. Todd; 2nd Horn: William Greenhorn; 1st Baritone: J. Irvine; 2nd Baritone: T. Colven; Euphonium: P. Lindsay, A. Simpson; 1st Trombone: G. Elliott; 2nd Trombone: H. Reffin; Bass Trombone: J. Rankin; Eb Bass: J. Andrews, J. Bennett; BBb Bass: C. Bryce, R. McAllister; Secretary: Duncan McGregor. The remaining players merged with those of the Bonnybridge and District Band to form Cumbernauld Silver Band in 1970.

Parrett Iron Works Brass Band (Martock, Somerset)

Active in 1863. Conductor Mr Loaring in 1865. The works were owned by the West of England Engineering and Coker Canvas Company, producing horizontal, high pressure and condensing engines for mining companies traction engines, threshing machines, water wheels, corn mills, flax and spinning machinery, power looms and iron and wooden wheels. Still active in 1867

Partington Steel and Iron Company Works Brass Band (Cheshire)

Formed shortly after 1910, bandmaster J. Higham, conductor J. Jennings. Active in the 1920s

Paxman Standard Ironworks Band (Colchester, Essex)

See: Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band

Paxman's Foundry Band (Colchester, Essex)

See: Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band

Penistone Steel Works Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Band

Penistone Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Band

Penybont Brass Band (2) (Denbighshire)

See: Penybont Iron Works Brass Band

- Penybont Iron Works Brass Band** (Pentre, Denbighshire)
Active in 1887, conductor James Cooper. Still active in 1889
- Perkins and Bellamy's Ironworks Band** (Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire)
Active in early 1882 to 1893. Conductor G.M.L. Harrison in 1885, G. Reeves in 1889-1892, G. Hammond in 1893. The ironworks, in Broad Street, closed in 1900. Also known as Broad Street Iron Works Brass Band
- Perran Foundry Brass Band** (Cornwall)
Active in 1878
- Phoenix Bessemer Works Brass Band** (Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in the early 1870s into the 1880s. In 1875, conductor J. Shaw, the band agreed to become the corps band of the Rotherham Rifle Volunteers
- Phoenix Foundry Brass Band** (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1856
- Phoenix Social Service Band** (Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Steel, Peech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band
- Phoenix Works Brass Band** (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Phoenix Foundry Brass Band
- Phoenix Works Brass Band** (Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Steel, Peech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band
- Port Talbot Tin and Iron Works Brass Band** (Glamorgan)
Active in 1864
- Portland Brass Band** (Hurlford, Ayrshire)
See: Portland Iron Works Brass Band
- Portland Iron Works Brass Band** (Hurlford, Ayrshire)
Active in 1856-1861
- Premier Iron Works Brass Band** (Deptford, Kent)
Active in 1904, secretary C.D. Smith
- Priory Foundry Band** (Worksop, Nottinghamshire)
See: Steel and Garland Priory Foundry Band
- R. Johnson and Nephew Works Band** (Bradford, Lancashire)
See: Richard Johnson and Nephew Iron Works Band
- Railway Foundry Band** (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band
- Redcar Ironworks Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Redcar Steelworks Band
- Redcar Steelworks Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
Formed in the 1900s and still active in the 1920s
- Richard Johnson and Nephew Iron Works Band** (Bradford, Lancashire)
Active from the 1920s to the late 1940s
- Richard Johnson and Nephew Iron Works Band** (Bradford, Lancashire)
Active from the 1920s to the late 1940s
- Round Oak Iron Works Brass Band** (Brierley Hill, Staffordshire)
Active in 1867, conductor W.H. Moore
- Rubery and Owen Ironworks Brass Band** (Darlaston, Staffordshire)
See: Victoria Works Brass Band
- Rutland Terrace Iron Works Band** (Stamford, Lincolnshire)
Active in the late 1850s, conductor Robert Smith
- Salford Iron Works Brass Band** (Lancashire)
Active from 1873 to the late 1900s. Supported by Messrs. Mather and Platt's Ironworks in Salford. Conducted by James Holgate in 1884.

Sandycroft Foundry Brass Band (Flintshire)

Founded in 1871. Conductor A. Rogers in 1872-1873. Still active in 1874

Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Works Band (Whittington Moor, Derbyshire)

See: Sheepbridge Works Brass Band

Sheepbridge Works Brass Band (Whittington Moor, Derbyshire)

Founded in mid-1867. Active to the 1950s

Shildon Iron Company Brass Band (Durham)

See: Shildon Iron Works Brass Band

Shildon Iron Works Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1866 to 1871

Shildon Works Brass Band (1) (Durham)

See: Shildon Iron Works Brass Band

Shipley Canal Ironworks Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Canal Ironworks Band

Shotts Foundry Band (Lanarkshire)

Active from the 1860s to the 1950s. Conductor James Gilchrist in 1867-1887, J. Somerville in 1900, John Radcliffe in 1902-1907, William L. Smith in 1933. James Campbell Shearer played solo trombone in 1933

Shotts Iron Works Silver Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Shotts Foundry Band

Shut End Brass Band (Pensnett, Staffordshire)

Active from 1870 to the 1900s. Conductor J. Proudler in 1880-1885. Associated with the iron works.

Shut End Iron Works Brass and Reed Band (Pensnett, Staffordshire)

See: Shut End Brass Band

Skinningrove Iron and Steel Works Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Founded in April 1899, with 23 players. Conductor J. Henwood in 1900. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Folded around WW2. Also known as Carlin How Brass Band in its early years

Smith and Ashby Foundry Band (Stamford, Lincolnshire)

Founded in 1855. Robert Smith was a talented musician. He encouraged an interest in music among a number of his workmen and organised them into a brass band. They first performed at the showroom's opening concert and by December 1855 they were thought proficient enough to give their first public concert (although there is a report of them playing at the "Capture of Sebastopol" celebrations in the town in September 1855). The firm provided the instruments and uniforms, at a total cost of £200, but the band members had to undertake to purchase them from their weekly wages. It was serious commitment for men who probably not well paid. Throughout the following years the Foundry Band, as it came to be called, became a popular ingredient of the Stamford social scene. Regular concerts were given and the band took part in the celebrations to mark the end of the Crimea War. Smith's Works Band still active in 1923.

Smithfield Brass Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Smithfield Ironworks Brass Band

Smithfield Ironworks Brass Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1870 to 1873. Conductor Mr Watkin in 1873

Smith's Works Band (Stamford, Lincolnshire)

See: Smith and Ashby Foundry Band

Snedshill Iron Company Brass Band (Shropshire)

Active in 1859

Snowdon and Hopkins' Iron Works Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Teesside Ironworks Brass Band

Soho Iron Works Brass Band (Bolton, Lancashire)

Bolton Free Press 23rd August 1845. - "John Hick's Esq, Band. The admirable full brass band of individuals employed in the Soho Iron Works, in this town, belonging to John Hicks have been on a pleasure trip to Liverpool, Bangor and North Wales. The band excited much attention in consequence of their unique and elegant uniform, which consists of a rich full braided coat, black trousers, with two-inch gold lace down the sides and blue cap with gold band. They played several airs through the principle Streets of Bolton last Saturday in full dress; and their appearance and performance called for general admiration of the public". The band continued to have annual dinners through the 1850's, but no references to the band later than the 1870's have been found. The Soho works, owned by B. Hick & Sons, manufactured steam engines, locomotives (in all some ninety to a hundred locomotives were produced), but they were a sideline for the company, which concentrated on marine and stationary engines, of which they made a large number.

Spencer's Steelworks Brass Band (Newburn, Northumberland)

Played at the Manor of Newburn Show in August 1853. Active in the National Championships in the early 1900s. Conductor Mr Binney in 1897, Frank J. Hedley in 1903. Was known as a temperance band for a while in the 1890s. Still active in the mid-1920s.

Spencer's Steelworks Temperance Band (Newburn, Northumberland)

See: Spencer's Steelworks Brass Band

Spillers (Gainsborough) Band (Lincolnshire)

See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band

Spittlegate Iron Works Brass Band (1) (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

Report on the band's formation in 1856: "A number of the workmen and employees at Messrs. Hornsby's works have formed among themselves a brass band, which is progressing so industriously, and so favourably, as to give promise of great efficiency. They propose not to confine themselves to their own practice room, but to play during the summer evenings on the Wood Hill, or elsewhere, pro bono publico - an intention which the dearth of public amusement in Grantham will doubtless cause to be warmly appreciated. The band numbers from 35 to 40 performers, several of whom formerly belonged to the militia band. The instruments are of first-class character, having been procured from Messrs. Distin, of London, the cost being raised by weekly subscription." A successor band was formed in 1896

Spittlegate Iron Works Brass Band (2) (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Stamford Foundry Brass Band (Lincolnshire)

See: Smith and Ashby Foundry Band

Standard Ironworks Band (Colchester, Essex)

See: Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band

Stanton Ironworks Band (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Ilkeston Brass

Stanton Works Band (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Ilkeston Brass

Steel and Garland Priory Foundry Band (Worksop, Nottinghamshire)

Conductor was Mr E. Russon in 1910. On November 18th 1910, the Worksop Old Soldiers Association held their Annual Church Parade, and the Priory Foundry Band took part in the procession, along with the Worksop Town Band and Shireoaks Band. In the evening a concert was given at the Gaiety Theatre. The Priory Foundry Band played selections. Bandsman Craven of the Priory Foundry Band received first prize for the smartest Bandsman.

Steel Company of Wales Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band

Steel Company of Wales Band (Port Talbot, Glamorgan)

See: Tata Brass Band

Steel, Peech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band (Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1930/40s. Based at Phoenix Hall, Ickles

Stocksbridge Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Instituted in 1871. Over the next 17 years attended 52 contests winning 43 prizes, value £336. Conductor Mr Mareham in 1878, Charles Marsden in 1888-1895. In 1880 the solo cornet players was George Dodd, secretary James Charlesworth. Also known as Stocksbridge Works Band, associated with the Stocksbridge Steel Works, it folded in the early 1980s. Players in 1922 included A. Charlsworth, J. Bacon, G. Herbert, E. Batty, J. Mahon, W. Mideley, A. Ross, W. Hardy, L. Evams, A. Peace, J. Kaye, H. Dyson, N. Wrall, A. Whittaker, G. Travis, H. Vardy, J. Helliwell, G. Thickett, W. Clark, L. Dyson, H. Sanderson, J. Slater, J. Travis, R. Simpson, W. Faulkner, H. Pears, R. Sanderson, J. Midgley

Stocksbridge Works Band (1) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1860, conductor H. Biltcliff. Still active in 1868

Stocksbridge Works Band (2) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Stocksbridge Brass Band

Stockton Malleable Iron Works Brass Band (1) (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

Active in 1869. Conductor John Cass in 1871-1879. Still active in 1879

Stockton Malleable Iron Works Brass Band (1) (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

Active in 1869. Conductor John Cass in 1871-1879. Still active in 1879

Stockton Malleable Iron Works Brass Band (2) (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

Active in the late 1940s and 1950s

Stourbridge Iron Works Brass Band (Worcestershire)

Active in 1864. Still active in 1866. Secretary George Hipwood in 1866

Summer's Steel Works Band (Shotton, Flintshire)

See: John Summers and Sons Steelworks Band

Swan Foundry Band (Langley, Worcestershire)

Active in the 19th century. The works band of the W.J. Hillson Swan Foundry in Langley, Worcestershire.

Swan Garden Ironworks Brass Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)

Founded in 1882, active into the 1890s. Conductor H.J. Metcalfe in 1887. John Lysaght and Co. bought the disused Swan Garden Works in 1878, producing 40,000 tons of rolled iron sheet per year by 1880.

Tata Brass Band (Port Talbot, Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1957 - Former names: Steel Company of Wales Band, British Steel Band (Port Talbot), Corus Concert Band, Corus (Port Talbot) Brass Band (to 2011)

- Tees Ironworks Brass Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Teesside Ironworks Brass Band
- Teesside Ironworks Brass Band** (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))
 Active in 1857. Still active in 1865. Conductor Mr Robson in 1857, Mr Fidler in 1859. Band of Messrs Snowdon and Hopkins' Iron Works
- Thornaby Iron Works Brass Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
 Active in 1874. Still active in the early 1900s. Conductor J. Bassett in 1889-1895, J.C. Coatesworth in 1895, Jonathan Sparke in 1898-1899. The ironworks were owned by Joseph Whitwell and Company. Also known as Whitwell and Company Brass Band
- Thornaby Works Brass Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Thornaby Iron Works Brass Band
- Thornley Brass Band (2)** (Durham)
See: Thornley Ironworks Brass Band
- Thornley Ironworks Brass Band** (Durham)
 Active in the 1890s. Conductor M. Charlton in 1894
- Thrapston Nene Side Foundry Band** (Northamptonshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Thrapston Town Band
- Thrapston Nene Side Ironworks Band** (Northamptonshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Thrapston Town Band
- Thrapston Town Band** (Northamptonshire)
 [current band] - Founded in 1858 - Former names: Thrapston Temperance Band (to 1861), Nene Side Brass Band, Thrapston Nene Side Foundry Band (to 1868), Thrapston Nene Side Ironworks Band (to 1900), Thrapston Town Silver Prize Band (to 1970). [Further information - see: Twell, Christine - Thrapston Town Band: 150 Glorious Years - Thrapston Band, 2008]
- Thurgoland and Wortley Iron Works Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Wortley Forge and Thurgoland Brass Band
- Titan Iron Works Brass Band** (Stourbridge, Worcestershire)
 Active in 1900, secretary George Johnson, conductor F. Morris. Messrs Jones & Attwood manufactured heating equipment and boilers at the Titan Works. The band promoted a contest at Stourbridge in April 1903
- Tredegar Iron Works Brass Band** (New Tredegar, Monmouthshire)
See: New Tredegar Brass Band
- Tudhoe Iron Works Brass Band** (Durham)
 Active in 1855
- Tweedmouth Foundry Brass Band** (Northumberland)
See: Tweedmouth Ironworks Brass Band
- Tweedmouth Ironfounders' Brass Band** (Northumberland)
See: Tweedmouth Ironworks Brass Band
- Tweedmouth Ironworks Brass Band** (Northumberland)
 Active in 1858 to 1865. Band sergeant John Burke, secretary George Norris in 1865
- Tyzack's Iron Works Brass Band** (Sunderland, Durham)
 Active in the 1870s
- UES Stocksbridge Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Unite the Union Brass Band
- Union Foundry Brass Band** (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Founded in 1854. Still active in 1859. The foundry was that of Messrs Howden.

Unite the Union Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded before June 1895 as Sheffield Recreation Brass Band, by William Thomas Bestwick, a Sheffield Police Inspector. Former names: Sheffield Recreation Brass Band, City of Sheffield Band (1970s), Quaker Sutherland Band, Andrews Heat for Hire Band (1980-4), City of Sheffield Band, Stocksbridge Engineering Steels Band (1988), UES Stocksbridge Band (1990s), ASDA Stocksbridge Band (2000), Stocksbridge Band (2002), City of Sheffield Band (to 2012) - Note: Absorbed remains of Sheffield Transport Band in the 1950s. [Further information - see: Branston, Jack - Stocksbridge Old Brass Band, in History of Stocksbridge - c. 1975?] Bandmaster W.T. Bestwick in 1895, Arnold Bagshaw in 1904-1905, D.C. Bargery in 1905, H. Kelly in 1916

Victoria Bridge Steelworks Band (Kirkstall, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Victoria Foundry Brass Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1855

Victoria Works Brass Band (Darlaston, Staffordshire)

Band of the Rubery and Owen Ironworks. Active in the early 1900s

Vulcan Iron Works Band (Langley Mill, Derbyshire)

See: G.R. Turner Langley Mill Brass Band

Vulcan Iron Works Band (Worcester, Worcestershire)

Active in the 1880s. Conductor J.W. Somerton in 1882. The McKenzie, Clunes and Holland works were founded in 1857 at Cromwell Street, and by the late 1870s were specialising in railway signalling equipment

Warner's Ironworks Band (Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex)

Active in 1886

Warrenby Ironworks Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in the early 1900s

Wellington Foundry Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

Wellington Foundry Operatic Brass Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

Whitwell and Company Brass Band (Thornaby, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Thornaby Iron Works Brass Band

Whitwell Brass Band (Thornaby, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Thornaby Iron Works Brass Band

Whitwell's Brass Band (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)

See: Thornaby Iron Works Brass Band

Wishaw Ironworks Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Wishaw Steel Works Brass Band

Wishaw Steel Works Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in the 1900s to 1910s

Witton Park Brass Band (1) (Durham)

See: Witton Park Ironworks Brass Band

Witton Park Ironworks Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1863. Leader Mr Elgey in 1866. Bandmaster Philip White in 1875

Wolsingham Brass Band (2) (Durham)

Formed in 1880. Later known as Wolsingham Steel Works Band. Folded in the 1960s. Conductor Jimmy Elliott in 1916

Wolsingham Steel Works Band (Durham)

See: Wolsingham Brass Band (2)

Woodside Ironworks Brass Band (Dudley, Staffordshire)

Active in 1857

Workington Iron and Steel Company Brass Band (Cumberland)

Founded in 1892, conductor Mr Tait. Instruments were bought from J.G. Murdoch & Co.

Workington Iron Works Brass Band (Cumberland)

Active in 1861. This was formed of workers from the Workington Haematite Iron Company

Wortley Forge and Thurgoland Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1892 and still playing in 1952, though probably did not survive long beyond that. Possibly linked to the Earl of Wharnccliffe of Wortley Hall. Hylton Boothroyd, recalls: "I knew the Thurgoland Silver Band when I was 5-18 in Thurgoland between 1939-1952. It must not have been just a village band as I'd always imagined - it must have had been the final stage of an industry-inspired band like all the colliery bands of the Yorkshire mining area whose western limits was just the other side of the Thurgoland-Wortley ridge. The River Don, a mile or so below the ridge, had had its Old Mill, New Mill, Top Forge, and Low Forge strung along it for a mile or two: named from C18 and C19. But by World War 2 only New Mill still flourished, with just the handful of men needed to run the machinery drawing finger-thick furnace-heated steel coil into the finest steel needle blanks. In my day the large black-tarred wooden Band Room, at the junction of Huthwaite Lane and the main road from Thurgoland to Deepcar (and lying 100 yards from the river between the Mills and the Forges), functioned also as an occasional community hall for those of us who lived in the valley. What had been Mill- and Forge-men's housing lay mostly along Old/New Mill Lane close to the river; what had been mainly quarrymen's housing mostly up Huthwaite Lane. The people who lived there were still working people, but nearly all catching workmen's buses running through Deepcar to the big steelworks in Stocksbridge or running to collieries on the road to Barnsley. Thurgoland's school, church, and most shops were up on the ridge, as were Wortley's. All we had down by the river were the pub, the Band Room, the small shop opposite, and a little Primitive Methodist chapel. That said, the band was part of the life of Thurgoland as a whole for Remembrance Day and I think also for the Whit Monday walk. For the Walk, the Prims processed up the hill with their banner, Wesleyans on the hill emerged with theirs, hymns and prayers in the open air in the centre of Thurgoland on the ridge, all processed down the hill past the Band Room to the road junction by the Top Forge, there they met the Methodists and their banner from the Green Moor chapel, all processed back to the roadside in front of the Band Room for the final big sing. I'd never really understood the joining up with Green Moor (technically a part of Wortley but on the ridge on the other side of the Don), but with the band playing a big role in earlier days, it seems to slot into place. The band didn't long survive World War 2. Neither did the Wharncloffes at Wortley Hall -- a palatial pile that had outstripped their capacity to maintain it. Although I got to know the future earl during his vacations from Eton during my four years as organist at Wortley Church, the parents sadly had largely passed out of public life. The Band Room itself is now long gone. The Prim Chapel became a workshop years ago. The shop is just a house. But the pub flourishes as a place to aim at on heritage walks. And the Top Forge has become a heritage centre."

Yarm and District Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Formed in 1945 as the Head Wrightson Works Band. Renamed Middlesbrough (Dovecot) Brass in 1980 and Yarm and District Band in 1989. Merged in 1998 with Lingdale Silver Band to form Lockwood Band

Yorkshire Evening Post Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed on 10th February 1856 by Richard Smith, as Leeds Model Band. There was a smaller brass band, part of the Leeds Model Band, called the Hearts of Oak Brass Band, which was active in 1862. In 1864 it came third in the British Open Championship. Conductor C. Ingledew from 1860 into the 1870s, when it was also known as Ingledew's Band, rehearsing at the William the Fourth Inn, Briggate, Leeds. Bandmaster William Jasper in 1876. It was later known as the Cameron Ironworks Band. One of its most successful periods was in the mid 1960s when in a three year period in seventeen contest appearances it won fifteen first prizes and two second prizes. In common with an increasing number of bands, in the 1970s it sought financial assistance through sponsorship to meet the dramatic rise in operating costs. This led to successful periods first as the John Waddington Band (the games manufacturers) and then as the Yorkshire Relish Band (within the Hammonds Sauce Group), before becoming associated with the Yorkshire Evening Post. The band merged with Sharlston Colliery Band around 2000, to form Yorkshire Evening Post (Sharlston) Band, but then disbanded in 2002.

Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Brass Band (Penistone, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from 1870 to the 1890s

Metal working – lead

Boughton Leadworks Brass Band (Chester, Cheshire)

Formed in the late 1860s. A band of 24 players in 1870, their uniform was similar to the Cheshire Rifle Volunteers, though a shade darker. Still active in 1871

Chester Leadworks Brass Band (Cheshire)

See: Boughton Leadworks Brass Band

Neville's Leadworks Brass Band (Llanelli, Carmarthenshire)

Active in 1857

St Anthony's Lead Works Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Active in 1860. Still active in 1863

Metal working – tin & zinc

Abbey Tintern Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in 1887 to 1895. Conductor E. Palmer in 1889-1894. Also known as Tintern Works Brass Band. A concert at Tintern in September 1888 was: Hector (M Seaman), Pride of England (H. Round), Twilight Shadows (R. Smith), Felicia (George Filliard), Pretty Blue Eyes (R. Smith), Maritana (Wallace), Hilda (Ernest Villiers), Evening Revels (Charles Richards), Dorothy

(P. Bucalossi), La Diva (Charles Richards), Night and Morn (P. Bucalossi), Pride of Wales (H. Round).

Abbey Tintern Works Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

See: Abbey Tintern Brass Band

Aberdulais Tin Works Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1847

Aberdulais Tin Works Silver Band (Glamorgan)

T. Morgan was the conductor in 1922

Dafen Tin Works Brass Band (Carmarthenshire)

Active in 1859. The Dafen Tinsplate Works was established in 1845

Derwent Temperance Brass Band (Seaton, Cumberland)

See: Derwent Tinsplate Works Brass Band

Derwent Tinsplate Works Brass Band (Seaton, Cumberland)

Active from 1859. In 1872 it advertised for a cornet player to join this "Good Templar Band of 20 players". Conductor W. Griffiths in the 1870s/1880s. In 1892 it took part in a concert with Workington Vocal Union Voice Choir. Band of the Tinsplate Works in Seaton, it won a prize at a contest in the Crystal Palace in the 1890s, in the presence of Queen Victoria - one of the players, apparently, was not impressed with the Queen and said she looked like "any old washerwoman". The prize included a silver plate presentation cup on a black wooden base, and the conductor at the time was John Grayburn.

Galvanising Eagle and Melyn Workmen's Band (Neath, Glamorgan)

Active in 1924 - based at the Melyn Tinsplate Works in Neath.

Gilbertson's Works Brass Band (Pontardawe, Glamorgan)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s. The tinsplate works consisted of ten mills which, at one time, received an order for tin plates to roof the White House, in Washington, D.C. These plates were made under the patented process known as G.O.M. (Gilbertson's Own Method).

Lydbrook Tin Plate Works Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in 1879 to 1883. Conductor G. Palmer in 1883

Lydbrook Tin Works Band (Gloucestershire)

See: Lydbrook Tin Plate Works Band

Lydney Tin Plate Works Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in 1850. The works were owned by the Allaway family which supplied the instruments for the band of their workmen.

Melingriffith Tinworks Brass Band (Whitchurch, Glamorgan)

Active in 1892. The works were located at Tŷ-mawr Road, in Whitchurch

Mr Allaway's Brass Band (Lydney, Gloucestershire)

See: Lydney Tin Plate Works Brass Band

Seaton Tinsplate Works Brass Band (Cumberland)

See: Derwent Tinsplate Works Brass Band

Thomas Allaway's Brass Band (Lydney, Gloucestershire)

See: Lydney Tin Plate Works Brass Band

Tintern Works Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

See: Abbey Tintern Brass Band

Mining - coal



Mickley Colliery Workmen's Prize Band

Aber and Blaengwynfi Workmens Silver Band (Glamorgan)

Formed in 1892 and active through to around 2012. Don Davies was bandmaster in the 1950s and 1960s. David Walters conductor in 2006 (though at that time there were only 4 members, 3 of whom were in their 70's or 80's). It was a public subscription band originally and then it was supported by the various collieries that were in Blaengwynfi - collecting money on pay day.

Abercarn Colliery Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in 1885

Abergorchy Colliery Band (Treorchy, Glamorgan)

See: Abergorchy Town Band

Abergorchy Town Band (Treorchy, Glamorgan)

Active in 1918 to the late 1930s. Also known as Abergorchy Workmen's Band, Abergorchy Colliery Band. Conductor J.G. Dobbing in 1918

Abertillery Colliery Band (Monmouthshire)

See: Abertillery Town Brass Band

Abertillery Town Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in the early 1890s through to WW1. Secretary A.J. Dix in 1892

Abram Colliery Band (Lancashire)

See: Bickershaw Colliery Band

Ackton Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band

Ackton Hall and Snydale Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band

Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active through the 1950s to early 1980s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by T. Sellers. In early 1977 it was disbanded, then immediately reformed with a new constitution - to help assuage the drain of players to other bands. Folded again in the mid/late 1980s.

Acomb Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1881. Still active in 1940. Conductor Thomas Henderson 1878-1889

Agecroft Colliery Band (Walkden, Lancashire)

See: Hulton Brass Band

Albion Colliery Brass Band (Cilfynydd, Glamorgan)

Founded in 1905, conductor Gus Foxhall.

Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band (Staffordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Staffordshire Band

Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band (Staffordshire)

Formed in 1920 after the Walsall Wood Temperance Band went bankrupt. The band practised in a large garage in Brookland Road. Mr Tom Smith was the conductor in the 1920's. Arthur Reeves was the band secretary and also played the trombone. Other players were J Breeze, B Snape, Bradford, J Welsh, and E Westwood. It is believed they performed in a short radio concert on BBC radio in the 1930's. The band joined with Bloxwich British Legion Band and Bescot Band during the Second World War to form the Walsall Home Guard Band. This was disbanded after the war. The Aldridge Colliery Band continued after the War, to disband in 1950.

Allerton Bywater Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1980s

Allerton Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1940s/1950s

Alloa Collieries Band (Clackmannanshire)

Active in the 1950s, conductor Charles Telfer.

Alloa Colliery Brass Band (1) (Clackmannanshire)

Formed 10th September 1881. Conductor in 1888 was John McBeath

Alloa Colliery Brass Band (2) (Clackmannanshire)

See: Alloa Collieries Band

Alma Colliery Band (Pelton, Durham)

Active in 1907

Altofts and Normanton Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Formed 1890 by Sir William Garforth. Conductors included: N. Sidebottom, J. Dyson, G. Walsh and Cyril Wilkinson (1950) - Former names: Pope and Pearson Colliery Band, Altofts West Riding and Silkstone Band (1886), West Riding and Silkstone Band (1890), Altofts and Whitwood Collieries Band (1930s), Lee Brig Altofts and Normanton Band

Altofts and Whitwood Collieries Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Altofts and Normanton Brass Band

Altofts Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1884, conductor Mr Leavesley. Still active in 1894. Also known as Sir Charles Dodsworth's Brass Band, Altofts Brass Band

Alveley Colliery Band (Shropshire)

See: Highley Brass Band

Amble and Radcliffe Brass Band (Northumberland)

Formed in 1893, later known as Radcliffe Colliery Band, and then Radcliffe Netherton Band. Merged with Amble Town Band in the 1930s to form Amble

and Radcliffe Colliery Band. Associated with the Northumberland Fusiliers during WW1. A member at one time was Edward Thirtle, who started his playing career in the North Seaton Band and went on later to be bandmaster of the Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band. A selection of his family and band photographs have been lodged with the Woodhorn Colliery museum in Ashington, Northumberland. Bandmaster of Radcliffe Colliery Band at one time was William Oswald Pearson, who worked at Hauxley Colliery. Conductor Ralph Hardy in 1903. Charles Johnson was conductor from 1909 to 1914, when a newspaper reported: "Mr. Chas. Johnson, of Long Row, Radcliffe, for the past five years has been bandmaster of that excellent local combination, the Amble and Radcliffe Prize Band, which is now stationed in Alnwick, as the Band of the 7th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. In the streets of Alnwick, their splendid music is heard four times a day, leading the Terriers out on parade and finishing up in the Market Place invariably with 'The British Grenadiers'. It is interesting to know that their silver instruments cost between £400 and £500. They have won several contests. Two years ago they attended Crystal Palace in the national prize competitions, and came out 12th amongst 27 bands from all parts of the United Kingdom. Mr Johnson is a native of North Seaton, but has spent 10 years at Shilbottle, 11 years at Newton-on-the-moor Colliery as manager and has been about nine years at Amble. He was bandmaster at Shilbottle and organist at the Parish Church (both old and new), being an organ pupil of the late C.E. Moore's. He was also organist at Newton and occupied a similar post at Eglington for about a year in the time of the late Ven. Archdeacon Martin. He has adjudicated at several contests, vocal and instrumental, his first experience in this capacity being at the first miners' picnic at Tynemouth, when 19 bands competed. Mr Johnson has four sons under the colours at the present day- two in France and two in Alnwick- an example of family patriotism on which the admirers of his fine hand will heartily congratulate him."

Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Formed in the 1930s by the merger of Radcliffe Netherton Band and Amble Town Band

Annfield Plain Colliery Band (Durham)

Active from 1862 through to the early 1930s

Arley Colliery Band (Warwickshire)

See: Arley Welfare Band

Arley Miners' Silver Prize Band (Warwickshire)

See: Arley Welfare Band

Arley Welfare Band (Warwickshire)

Formed after WW2, conductor in 1949 was F.W. Locker. Changed name around 1980 to Daw Mill Colliery Band. Folded around 2000.

Arnghyll and Cowley Colliery Band (Copley, Durham)

Active in 1907. The colliery was owned by Cargo Iron Fleet Works in Middlesbrough

Arniston and Vogrie Colliery Brass Band (Midlothian)

Active in 1868

Arniston Colliery Brass Band (Midlothian)

Active in 1896

Arthur and Edward Colliery Band (Lydbrook, Gloucestershire)

Active in the 1920s/1930s

Ashington Colliery Band (1) (Northumberland)

Active in 1867, conductor Matthew Taylor. Still active in the late 1890s. Secretary James Purdy in 1868, James Hindmarsh in 1871, James Anderson in 1880. G. Beresford in 1887, Thomas Embleton in 1888. Conductor J. Taylor in 1870, John Ponton in 1873, G. Harvey in 1880, Thomas Floyd in 1883-1893. Thomas York was solo cornet player in 1891. A successor band was formed in 1906.

Ashington Colliery Band (2) (Northumberland)

[previous name of current band] - see: Wansbeck's Ashington Colliery Band

Askern Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the 1930s through to the early 1990s

Aspatria Colliery Prize Band (Cumberland)

Active in 1920s and 1930s

Atherstone Miners Welfare Band (Warwickshire)

Active in the 1950s to 1960s. Disbanded in 1966

Auckland Park Colliery Band (Bishop Auckland, Durham)

Active between the 1870s and 1920. Conductor W. Teasdale in 1877. Bandmaster J. Sellars in the late 1890s and early 1900s

Axwell Colliery Band (Swalwell, Durham)

See: Axwell Park Colliery Band

Axwell Park Colliery Band (Swalwell, Durham)

Active in the early 1900s, up to WW1.

B Winning Colliery Band (Blackwell, Derbyshire)

See: Blackwell and B Winning Colliery Band

Babbington Coal Company Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Babbington Colliery Brass Band (1)

Babbington Colliery Brass Band (1) (Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1875. Still active in 1886. Conductor Joseph Oldham in 1884, S. Reffin in 1886. A successor band (formley Kimberley Brass Band) was active in the 1890s and onwards

Babbington Colliery Brass Band (2) (Nottinghamshire)

See: Kimberley Brass Band (2)

Babbington Colliery St John Ambulance Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Kimberley Brass Band (2)

Backworth Collieries Workmen's Band (Northumberland)

See: Backworth Colliery Band

Backworth Colliery Band (Northumberland)

[current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Backworth Institute Band, Backworth Colliery Band, Five Rivers Brass (2001 to 2007). Wheatley Baron was solo cornet player in the band in 1891

Backworth Miners' Institute Brass Band (Northumberland)

See: Backworth Colliery Band

Bagworth Colliery Brass Band (Leicestershire)

Active in 1885 to 1887

Balgonie Colliery Band (Fife)

Formed on 9th November 1905. Active through to WW2.

Ballochmyle Colliery (Common Works) Brass Band (Ayrshire)

See: Ballochmyle Colliery Brass Band

Ballochmyle Colliery Brass Band (Ayrshire)

Active in 1884. Still active in 1893

Bank Hall Brass Band (Burnley, Lancashire)

Formed around 1881 by the Rev. W. Thursby for the workmen employed in the Bank Hall Colliery, which was operated by the executors of Colonel Hargreaves. In the late 1890s his son provided a new set of uniforms for the band. Still active after WW1 through to the 1930s (though it may have become a "military" band during that latter period). J. Thomas joined the band on solo trombone in 1911, later playing drums. A concert in July 1897 was: The First March Out, Nazareth, Macbeth, A Dream of Love, Bonanza, The Carnival. A concert at Queen's Park in June 1902 was: Toreador (Caryll), Star of England (Lamotte), The Belle of Bohemia (Englander), Souvenir d'Avril (Depret), Come into the Garden Maud (Balfe), A Soldier's Life (Sheriff).

Bank Hall Colliery Brass Band (Burnley, Lancashire)

See: Bank Hall Brass Band

Banknock Colliery Band (Stirlingshire)

Formed in May 1912 by the miners in the village of Dennyloanhead, instructor Alex Gray. Still active in 1931, conductor Robert Thompson

Bannockburn Colliery Band (Cowie, Stirlingshire)

Active in the early 1900s through to 1950. Bandmaster William Hastie appointed in 1903. Conductor J. Hastie in 1905. Also known as Cowie Colliery Band

Bardon Mill Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active between 1906 and 1947, and 1956-70. The committee minute book (1956-1970) is held at the Northumberland Archives

Barnsley Chronicle Band (1) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed around 1983 as Barrow Colliery Junior Band, became Barnsley Chronicle Band in 1987. Folded before 1993

Barnsley Chronicle Band (2) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1906 - Former names: Birdwell and District Subscription Prize Brass Band, Barrow Colliery Prize Band (1931), Birdwell Brass Band (1946 reformed after the war), Barrow Colliery Band (1958), Barnsley Building Society (Barrow) Band (1989), Barnsley Building Society Band (to 2010)

Barrington Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active from the 1870s. In 1877 the conductor was James Bolam, secretary Alex Watson. Conductor J. Dunsmore in 1883-1893. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Band records are held in the Northumberland County Record Office. Changed name to Bedlington Colliery Band in 1936

Barrow Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Barnsley Chronicle Band (2)

Barrow Colliery Junior Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Barnsley Chronicle Band (1)

Basford Hall Colliery Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Basford Hall Miners' Welfare Band

Basford Hall Miners' Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

Formed May 1947. First conductor: H. L. Appleby, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., succeeded in February 1948 by T. Himon, who in turn was succeeded by John Baldwin in February 1949. Still active in the mid 1960s.

BCE St Mary's Brass

See: British Coal Enterprise (St. Mary's) Band

Beamish Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in 1898. Amalgamated with Seghill Colliery Band around 1907. Still active in 1950

Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1950 - Former names: Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band, Esh Colliery Band (1970), Bearpark & Esh Colliery Band (1979) - Note: The original Bearpark Band folded c. 1948 and there was no band there until after Esh Winning Colliery closed, the band started taking Bearpark Colliery banner to The Durham Miners Gala so with financial support from Bearpark it became Bearpark & Esh Brass Band in 1979. They still practice in the old church hall in West Terrace in Esh Winning which is now in an industrial estate and was once owned by the NCB on the Esh Winning Colliery site.

Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1950 - Former names: Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band, Esh Colliery Band (1970), Bearpark & Esh Colliery Band (1979) - Note: The original Bearpark Band folded c. 1948 and there was no band there until after Esh Winning Colliery closed, the band started taking Bearpark Colliery banner to The Durham Miners Gala so with financial support from Bearpark it became Bearpark & Esh Brass Band in 1979. They still practice in the old church hall in West Terrace in Esh Winning which is now in an industrial estate and was once owned by the NCB on the Esh Winning Colliery site.

Bearpark Colliery Band (1) (Durham)

See: Bearpark United Brass Band

Bearpark Colliery Band (2) (Durham)

Formed in 1920, folded around 1948. A successor band, Bearpark and Esh Colliery, still active, was formed in 1950.

Bearpark United Brass Band (Durham)

Founded in December 1891, as a temperance band with a new set of Hawkes instruments, conductor J. Fuller. Active through the 1890s

Bedlington Colliery Band (1) (Northumberland)

See: Bedlington Doctor Pit Band

Bedlington Colliery Band (2) (Northumberland)

See: Barrington Colliery Band

Bedlington Doctor Pit Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1899, conductor Samuel Godsmark, and still active in the early 1960s

Bentinck Colliery Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active in the early 1900s through to WW1. Conductor in 1907, Mr Sharley

Bentley Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1910, bandmaster William Blackburn. Gained 2nd prize in a lower section contest at the Crystal Palace in 1911. Active in 1935 and 1952. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by N. Edwards. Still active in 1969.

Bentley Colliery Silver Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Bentley Colliery Band

Benwell Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1900s, folding in 1911 when the pit flooded. The colliery did eventually partially re-open.

Bestwood Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1891 through to WW1 (1915 at least). Associated with the local colliery. Conductor W. Hamilton in 1895

Bestwood Colliery Band (1) (Nottinghamshire)

See: Bestwood Brass Band

Bestwood Colliery Band (2) (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Bestwood Welfare Black Diamonds Band

Bestwood Welfare Black Diamonds Band (Nottinghamshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1947 - Note: Bestwood Colliery Band

Betteshanger Brass Band (Kent)

[current band] - Founded in 1932 - Former names: Betteshanger Colliery Welfare Band, Betteshanger Colliery Welfare Silver Prize Band (1935)

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare Band (Kent)

[previous name of current band] - see: Betteshanger Brass Band

Bickershaw Colliery Band (Lancashire)

In 1919 the Abram Coal Company decided to form a brass band under the leadership of Lt.-Col. Ernest Hart. It had marked success in contests in the early 1930s and was renamed Bickershaw Colliery Band in 1937 when the Company took over a further group of collieries. The band was a favourite in its day and took part in over 300 broadcasts. Culmination of the band's success came in 1940 and 1943 when it won the British Open Championships, with William Haydock as bandmaster. The band folded following the nationalisation of the coal industry in 1947. [Further information - see: Hollinshead, K - The Major And His Band: The Story Of Abram/Bickershaw Colliery Band -]

Binchester Brass Band (Durham)

Active around 1905 - 1910.

Binchester Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Binchester Brass Band

Birchwood Colliery Ambulance Band (Upper Birchwood, Derbyshire)

Active in 1895 through to 1913

Birtley 'E' Pit Band (Northumberland)

See: Birtley Ouston Pit Colliery Band

Birtley Ouston Pit Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active in the 1930s

Bitchburn Colliery Band (Howden-le-Wear, Durham)

Active in 1905

Black Boy Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1867, conductor Thomas Woods, leader W. Teesdale, and also in 1879. Based at Coundon.

Blackhall Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Founded shortly after WW1 as Blackhall Brass Band, conductor John George Hughes. Also known as "The Originals". Adopted the name Blackhall Colliery Brass Band after the strike of 1926, appointing Wilf Dawson as bandmaster. It quickly established its name and quality. Between 1926 and 1930 it won 36 first prizes and 10 seconds, winning 14 cups, 5 shields, 6 instruments, 5 batons and 88 gold and silver medals. It became the Northern Area Champions in 1945 and established a world record when it competed in eight contests on Friday 10th June 1938 and won eight prizes. Folded in the 1950s. Members around 1930 included: Jack Pounder, Andy Poole, Jack Cartwright, Bob

Jacobs, George Prichard, Manny Shinwell, Olive Strong, George Coates, Jack Ford, George Greenwell and Walter Erskine.

Blackwell and B Winning Colliery Band (Derbyshire)

Active from the mid-1890s to the 1930s

Blackwell Colliery Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1895. John Gibson was a member of the band at the time of his death in November 1895 in an underground explosion at the colliery.

Blaenavon Colliery Workmen's Band (Monmouthshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Blaenavon Town Band

Blaenavon Town Band (Monmouthshire)

[current band] - Founded in the late 1880s - Former names: Blaenavon Town Silver Band, Blaenavon Colliery Workmen's Band (to early 1980s). George Palmer served as bandmaster 1889-1912

Blaengwynfi Colliery Band (Glamorgan)

See: Aber and Blaengwynfi Workmens Silver Band

Blidworth Colliery Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Blidworth Welfare Band

Blidworth Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

[current band] - Founded in the 1880s - Former names: Stanton Hill Temperance Band, Stanton Hill Silver Prize Band, Teversal Colliery Welfare Band, Blidworth Colliery Band, Blidworth Welfare RBJ Mining Band, Hopkins Solicitors Blidworth Welfare Band - Note: When Teversal Colliery was closed, the rehearsal facilities were also withdrawn, so the Band had to ally itself with another Welfare (another colliery that was still in production.) Blidworth was chosen, and the Band moved there over the winter of 1980/81. In 1979 the band had the distinction of entering 13 contests in the second section, and winning 11. They were outright holders of the Radio Nottingham Band of the year trophy, having won it on three successive occasions. (77/78/79).

Bold Colliery Band (Lancashire)

See: Bold Miners' Welfare Band

Bold Miners' Welfare Band (St Helens, Lancashire)

Formed around 1970 and folded around 1990. Thought to be the last miners band on the Lancashire coal field. A lot of their music was inherited from the earlier Clock Face Colliery Band. A report from "Coal Face", in June 1979, states: "Band 'Babes' Cut Their Contest Teeth. Brass competition 'babes' who have collected their first trophy after even years are aiming to follow the lead of another Western Area band bidding for top prizes. Musicians in St. Helens' Bold Colliery Band made their trophy-winning debut at Workington, Cumbria. "It's the breakthrough they've been looking for," says Admin. Officer, Frank Kenyon. Music loving Frank took action when Clock Face Colliery closed some years ago and their instruments became available. he thought it would be a pity if the band tradition died and decided to re-form them at Bold and they are now one of the North West's last surviving colliery bands. Bold bandsmen were helped in their re-birth by CISWO who transferred the old Clock Face instruments and by pitmen like now-retired training officer Jack Wildman;. "It was very hard work but we now have a full sized 24-string band with plenty of reserve players as well." says Frank Kenyon. Pianist Frank, who got his taste for the sound of brass from his father who used to take him to hear the former Bickershaw Colliery Band as a boy, adds: "We give free performances for any coal industry function we are invited to and always play at the paraplegics sports at Blackpool. "Some of the lads have even appeared on TV during a

scene from the Liver Birds but of course out big ambition is to win at the NCB finals at the Mining Weekend. The band give free tuition for any youngster who fancies the chance to blow his own trumpet, miner's children especially being welcome."

Boldon Colliery (Go-Ahead Group North East) Band (Durham)

See: Boldon Colliery Brass Band (2)

Boldon Colliery Brass Band (1) (Durham)

Active in 1884, conductor John Dennison. Still active in 1902

Boldon Colliery Brass Band (2) (Durham)

Formed in 1911, as Boldon Colliery Workmen's Band, it folded in 2004. In its later years it was known as Boldon Colliery (Go-Ahead Group North East) Band and Boldon Colliery VRX Band.

Boldon Colliery VRX Band (Durham)

See: Boldon Colliery Brass Band (2)

Boldon Colliery Workmen's Band (Durham)

See: Boldon Colliery Brass Band (2)

Bolsover Colliery and District Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Bolsover Colliery Band

Bolsover Colliery Band (Derbyshire)

Formed in 1894. Still active in the late 1970s. Conductor E. Cooke in 1905

Bolsover Miners Welfare Band (Derbyshire)

See: Bolsover Colliery Band

Boosbeck Colliery Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active around 1907

Bowhill and District Band (Fife)

Founded in June 1904, associated with the Bowhill Colliery, but this initial attempt fell through. A successful formation of the band took place in October 1905, with president C. Hunter and secretary P.C. Anderson. Active through to the 1960s. Later known as Bowhill Colliery Band. The band, in 1955, consisted of: Conductor: Drake Rimmer; Soprano: George Cappie; Solo Cornet: Alec Beveridge, Archie Craigie, Thomas Wilson, John Brand; Repiano Cornet: James Bathgate; 2nd Cornet: Thomas Wilson; 3rd Cornet: Billy Innes, James Spence; Flugel: James Arthur; Solo Horn: James Beveridge; 1st Horn: William Ross; 2nd Horn: James Irvine; 1st Baritone: James Arthur; 2nd Baritone: William Crawford; Euphonium: Robert Borrie, William Thornton; 1st Trombone: Daniel Crawford; 2nd Trombone: Robert McBride; Bass Trombone: Edward Gold; Eb Bass: William Johnsone, Harry Campbell; BBb Bass: Robert Paterson, Thomas Shanks; Secretary: George Walters

Bowhill Colliery Band (Fife)

See: Bowhill and District Band

Bradley Shops Mechanics Brass Band (Leadgate, Durham)

Active in 1905. Attached to Bradley Colliery.

Brancepeth Colliery Brass Band (1) (Durham)

See: Brancepeth Colliery Institute Brass Band

Brancepeth Colliery Brass Band (2) (Durham)

See: Willington Temperance Band

Brancepeth Colliery Institute Brass Band (Durham)

Active in the 1890s, disbanded in 1902. Conductor W.M. Calvert and secretary F.W. Smith in 1902. Sleetburn Colliery Band shortly thereafter adopted the name New Brancepeth Colliery Band

Brandon Colliery Silver Prize Band (Durham)

Founded in 1890. Winners of the D and N Association Challenge Cup 1907, the Hunwick Cup 1909, and The Newburn Cup 1909. The band folded in September 1968 shortly after the colliery closed.

Bream Silver Band (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in the late 1890s as Princess Royal Colliery Band. Conductor R. Cridland in 1899. - Became Bream Silver Band around 1912 - Note: The first conductor was Mr Henry Morgan, who used to walk from Yorkley Wood to conduct and it is said always whistled a march tune when climbing the Whitecroft Road. Other early conductors included Messrs Amos Phillips, William Sterry, A Ambury and of course Evan A Jones who followed Mr W Robbins and steered the band through its most successful period in contests in the 1920s and continued to do so for almost 40 years. A founding member of the band, Horace Lucas, was eight years old in 1905 and still playing in 1970.

Bretby Colliery Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1895

British Coal Enterprise (St. Mary's) Band

Active in the 1990s, competing in the Midlands Regional Championships in 1994

Brodsworth Colliery (T.S.B) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band

Brodsworth Colliery Welfare and Institute Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band

Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band (Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1909. Active to the end of the 1980s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by D.V. Hardy. [Further information - see: Lincoln, Andrew - History of the Brodsworth Colliery Band 1909-1989]

Brodsworth Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band

Brodsworth Main Workmen's Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band

Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band (Amble, Northumberland)

Active from the mid-1850s to WW1. In 1874 the conductor was R. Curley and the secretary William McCloud. Daniel Murray was a member from around 1875 to 1900. In 1878-1904 bandmaster was Thomas Gibson. Secretary Andrew Duff in 1878, J.A. Scott in 1895. Bandmaster at one time was Edward Thirtle. A selection of his family and band photographs have been lodged with the Woodhorn Colliery museum in Ashington, Northumberland.

Broomhill Colliery Brass Band (1) (Amble, Northumberland)

See: Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band

Broomhill Colliery Brass Band (2) (Amble, Northumberland)

The band was formed in 1953 from voluntary subscriptions from every miner at Broomhill Colliery. The band hut was built opposite the road into Broomhill colliery. The bandmaster was Charlie Gillan from Amble who worked on the screens. Also members were Lawrence Young, Jackie Oliver, Jackie Johnson, John Sanderson, Wilf Hardy, Michael Keen, John Smith, Ronnie Morton, Eric Ross, Jack Sillet, Derek Sillet, Ed Knox, Jack Russell, George Bell, Tommy Welch and Raymond Harmer. The band broke up as the pit closed in 1961, and players went to the Armed Forces and other areas for work.

- Browney Colliery Band** (Brandon, Durham)
Formed in 1899, folded around 1938.
- Buckhaven and Methil Miners' Brass Band** (Fife)
[current band] - Founded in 1976 - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of Wellesley Colliery Band and Buckhaven Town Band
- Bullcroft Colliery Ambulance Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band
- Bullcroft Main Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band
- Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Founded in 1917, bandmaster William Clark. Active through to the late 1960s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by J. Woods
- Burnbank Brass Band (2)** (Lanarkshire)
Founded in 1905. Active through to the 1920s. Renamed Greenfield Colliery Band in 1908.
- Burnhope Colliery Band** (Durham)
Formed in the 1920s and folded in the late 1960s
- Burnopfield Colliery Band** (Durham)
Active between 1903 and 1939
- Burradon Colliery Band** (Northumberland)
Active in 1866. Secretary W. Cowperwhite in 1866, William Johnson in 1867. Conductor J. Dixon in 1867, Thomas Dunn in 1883-1888, John Dunn in 1890-1901, Mr Appleby in 1892. Had folded by the end of the 1970s
- Butterfly Colliery Ambulance Band** (Alfreton, Derbyshire)
Merged with Codnor Old Prize Band at some point.
- Butterknowle Brass Band** (Durham)
Formed in the early 1880s, active through to the early 1950s. Conductor J. Teasdale in 1887-1902
- Butterknowle Colliery Band** (Durham)
See: Butterknowle Brass Band
- Butterley Colliery Ambulance Band** (Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire)
Active in the 1930s to 1940s. John Hawkins (aged 9) was a drummer in the band in 1939
- Cairnie Colliery Band** (Midlothian)
Active in 1862 - Took part in a gala procession in Musselburgh on July 17th
- Calverton Colliery Welfare Band** (Nottinghamshire)
Formed in the late 1940s, early 1950s, with instruments provided by the Miners Welfare Organisation. Won the third section in the Eighth Mineworkers' National Brass Band Contest at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, in 1969. Disbanded in the early 1990s following the closure of the colliery.
- Cambois Colliery Band** (Northumberland)
Formed in the early 1900s and lasted until the 1960s
- Cambois Workmen's Band** (Northumberland)
See: Cambois Colliery Band
- Canklow Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active from 1899 to the 1910s. Became Rotherham Main Colliery Band in 1906. Conductor in 1904-1908 was William Ledigo, W. Wilson in 1905. Bandmaster, John Dowell in 1908
- Cannock Chase Colliery Band** (Staffordshire)
See: Chasetown Brass Band

- Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[current band] - Founded in 1884 - Former names: South Elmsall Brass Band (to 1924)
- Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Junior Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: *Frickley and South Elmsall Brass Band*
- Castle Eden Colliery Band (1)** (Leadgate, Durham)
Active in the 1850s. Conductor George Bowes in 1888
- Castle Eden Colliery Band (2)** (Leadgate, Durham)
Formed in 1890 and still active in the 1950s. Bandmaster J.J. Hughes, secretary S. Farmer in 1891. Probably folded soon after the colliery closed in 1959. Joseph Forster was solo euphonium with the band in 1891
- Castletown Colliery Band** (Durham)
See: *Hylton Colliery Brass Band (1)*
- Celynyn Collieries Band** (Monmouthshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: *Newbridge (Celynyn) Band*
- Celynyn Collieries Institute Silver Band** (Monmouthshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: *Newbridge (Celynyn) Band*
- Ceramia Goldthorpe Colliery Band** (Goldthorpe, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: *Yorkshire Main Colliery Band*
- Charlestown Colliery Band** (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire)
Active in 1988
- Chasetown Brass Band** (Staffordshire)
Formed in 1862, linked to the colliery, it soon became known as the Cannock Chase Colliery Band. It was still active in the mid-1960s. In the late 1870s it played at the athletic sports meeting and led processions. By 1893 it was performing at the Lichfield Greenhill Bower. Conductor T.H. Davis in 1894-1901, John Cooper in 1905, W. Earp in 1908. Secretary George Baxter in 1902. Having won second prize in a competition in 1919, it became known as the Cannock Chase Colliery Silver Prize Band and competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. [Further information - see: Brookes, Alan Thomas - *The History of the Cannock Chase Colliery Brass Band: A Nostalgic Biography of a Brass Band and Its Musicians* - Merault Press, 2005 ISBN: 0954631668]
- Chatterley Whitfield Colliery Band** (Chell, Staffordshire)
Active in the 1950s.
- Chevington Colliery Band** (Amble, Northumberland)
See: *Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band*
- Chilton Colliery Brass Band** (Durham)
Active from 1879 to 1925. Conductor George Bowes in 1880
- Chislet Colliery Welfare Band** (Kent)
Active from the 1920s through to the early 1960s. In 1949 the president was J. Shaw, chairman J.W. Hodgson, conductor G. Ireland, secretary B. Heckley
- Choppington Colliery Brass Band** (Northumberland)
Active from the early 1860s through to WW1. In 1865 conductor was T. Bowman in 1865, J. Miller & Fenwick Armstrong in 1867, Thomas Miller in 1877, Fenwick Armstrong & R. Pattison in 1880, Thomas Miller in 1883, James Cutter in 1884, Thomas Miller in 1888, A. Meins in 1889-1890, John Fornear in 1893, George Young & J. Hedley in 1894. Secretary Robert Hedley in 1880, James Brown in 1883, John Richardson in 1886.

Chopwell Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the late 1890s. Bandmaster Mr Birkett in 1907. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in the 1960s

Church Gresley Colliery Band (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Gresley Colliery Band*

Cilely Colliery Brass Band (Tonyrefail, Glamorgan)

Active in 1888

Clifton Colliery Brass Band (Great Clifton, Cumberland)

Formed in July 1860, still active in 1864

Clifton Colliery Prize Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)

Active around 1900 and through to the 1930s.

Clipstone Colliery Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

Founded in 1931 under the baton of G. W. Flint. Bandmaster J. Boddice in 1937. Sponsored by Torque Tension Ltd in the late 1970s, still active in the 1990s.

Clock Face and Sutton Manor Collieries Band (St Helens, Lancashire)

See: Clock Face Colliery Band

Clock Face Colliery Band (St Helens, Lancashire)

Active in the 1920s/1930s. Also known as Clock Face and Sutton Manor Collieries Band. Still active in 1964. Folded later in the 1960s, thought to have been a Championship band at some point. A lot of the band's music was inherited by the Bold Miners' Welfare Band which formed in 1970.

Clydach Vale Colliery Brass Band (Brecknockshire)

Active in 1899

Clyde Collieries and Tollcross Band (Midlothian)

Active in the 1900s, conductor Forbes Taylor in 1907

Clyde Colliery Brass Band (Midlothian)

Founded around 1905, conductor Mr Forsyth

Coal Products (CPL) Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Fishburn Band*

Coanwood Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1879

Coedely Colliery Band (Glamorgan)

Active from the 1950s to the 1990s. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (Champ. Section), conducted by W.J. Priday. Also known as Coedely (Rockwool) Band. Won the Second Section at the Eighth Mineworkers' National Brass Band Contest, at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, in 1969.

Coltness Iron Works Silver Band (Lanarkshire)

Formed in 1898. Principal cornet John Cuthbert and euphonium William Arnott in 1900. It became First Section Scottish Champions in 1907, 1941-3, 1945 and 1949. Following a difficult period after the ravages of the 1914-18 War, the band regained its former level and glory during the 1930s and 1940s. It became Newmains and District Colliery Band in the 1950s to 1970s, then Hutchinsons Coaches Band in the 1980s and early 1990s, reverting to Newmains Band before folding in the late 1990s.

Consett Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Morrison Busty Colliery Band (to 1974), Consett Steel Works Band, Consett BSC Works Band (to 1980), Consett Whitbread Band, Whitbread Castle Eden Band (to 1988)

Consett Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1931

Cornsay Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1872 through to the 1930s, and may have had a resurgence after WW2. Conductor Mr Richardson in 1876, Ben Gordon in 1899. Re-organised in 1906. Folded around 1950 and some surviving members joined the newly formed Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band.

Cortonwood Colliery Band (Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1950/60s. Competed in the Senior Trophy, in 1962, conducted by M Thompson

Cossall Colliery Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1886 to the 1890s. In 1894 it rehearsed on Tuesdays at the Commercial Inn, with John Hunt, conductor; William Hardy, secretary (30 Norman Street, Cotmanhay)

Cossham and Wethered's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Kingswood Colliery Brass Band

Cotgrave Miners Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active in the 1970s, 1980s

Coventry and Keresley Colliery Band (Warwickshire)

See: Coventry Colliery Band

Coventry Colliery Band (Warwickshire)

Active in the 1930s through to the late 1950s

Cowdenbeath Brass Band (Fife)

Active from the early 1890s. The Band instructor in 1908 was Mr Muddiman. Earlier name: Cowdenbeath Public Band. Later became Longannet Colliery Band (Cowdenbeath). Active in 1948. Merged with Kelty and Blairadam Band in 1999 to form Kingdom Brass.

Cowie Colliery Band (Stirlingshire)

See: Bannockburn Colliery Band

Cowpen and Crofton Band (Northumberland)

Formed in the 1880s as Cowpen Colliery Band, but was supported by both collieries. It was actively contesting up to 1986 when it folded shortly after the closure of Bates Colliery which had supported the band.

Cowpen Colliery Band (1) (Northumberland)

Active in 1856. Still active in the 1880s. In 1867 it played at the launch of a new lifeboat at Blyth in May that year. Conductor George Garrett in 1867-1871. Secretary N. Greener in 1880. In 1878 the members of the band signed up to the Blyth Volunteer Artillery Corps

Cowpen Colliery Band (2) (Northumberland)

See: Cowpen and Crofton Band

Cowpen Colliery Temperance Society Brass Band (Northumberland)

See: Cowpen Good Templar Brass Band

Cowpen Good Templar Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1872. Secretary Robert Rutherford in 1873

Coxlodge and Hazelrig Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active in the early 1960s when it rehearsed in the "Victoria and Comet" pub directly opposite the Newcastle Upon Tyne Central Railway Station. [Further information - see: Walker, Millie - Memories of the Coxlodge Band - Fawdon and Coxlodge Miscellany - Fawdon and Coxlodge Local History Society, 2007, p.27-31]

Coxlodge Colliery Brass Band (1) (Northumberland)

Thought to have been formed in 1808, was an important feature in the social life of the area. It was particularly known for having provided the music for a ball held underground to mark the opening of Gosforth Colliery in 1823. Conductor W. Maughan in 1889. On Christmas mornings in the early 1900s carols were played at various parts of the village, the last performance being at the Coxlodge Hotel where each bandsman received a 10s note and a free drink. The band folded in the late 1950s. A successor band was formed in the early 1960s

Coxlodge Colliery Brass Band (2) (Northumberland)

See: Coxlodge and Hazelrig Colliery Band

Craghead Colliery Band (1) (Stanley, Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Reg Vardy Band

Craghead Colliery Band (2) (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1967 - Former names: Sacriston Colliery Band (to 2005)

Cramlington Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1859 when it came second at a contest at Cramlington. Still active in 1898. Conductor Mr Chennall and J. Patterson in 1894, W. Briggs in 1898. A concert in June 1898 was: The Hurricane (J.H. Carter), Idalia (J. Ord Hume), Rousseau's Dream (H. Round), Wales (J. Ord Hume), Sonnenschein und Schatten (Karl Keller), Gems of Victorian Melody (H. Round), Gems of Scotia (H. Round), To Thee O Lord (Wolverson), Zampa (J. Ord Hume), Viva Pettee (W. Rimmer).

Cramlington Colliery Excelsior Brass Band (Northumberland)

See: Cramlington Colliery Band

Creswell Colliery and District Band (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Creswell Colliery Brass Band

Creswell Colliery Brass Band (Derbyshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1899 - Former names: Creswell Colliery & District Band, Creswell Colliery Brass Band, Creswell Rexco Band. Conductor W. Hinds in 1901. The band's attendance book (1949-1966) is held at the Derbyshire Record Office

Crigglestone Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1890 to the 1930s

Crigglestone Colliery Temperance Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Crigglestone Brass Band

Crofton Silver Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1873 - Former names: Crofton Brass Band, Crofton Silver Band (1936), Nostell Colliery Band (1955-93). Conductor Joseph Stead in 1879. [Further information - see: Taylor, Kate (ed.) - The story of Crofton Band, in Aspects of Wakefield 2 - discovering local history - Wharnccliffe, Barnsley, 1999. ISBN: 1871647681]

Crooke Miners Welfare Band (Lancashire)

See: Standish Brass Band (2)

Crookhall Colliery Band (Durham)

Founded in 1924 as the Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band, led the championship tables in the North-East in the 1950s and 60s. Known as Crookhall Bradley Band in 1966/7. Following the colliery's closure sponsorship came from Patchogue Plymouth, a fibres division of the American oil company Amoco, and the band became the Patchogue Plymouth Amoco

Band. The parent company were impressed with the band to the extent it took over the sponsorship and the band became the Amoco Band in around 1976. However it did not last and the band folded around 1980.

Crown Farm Colliery Band (Mansfield, Nottinghamshire)

Active around 1920

Cutthorpe Colliery Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1888

Cwmafan and District Band (Glamorgan)

Active after WW1 through to the 1950s

Cwmafan Copper Miners' Tin Plate Band (Glamorgan)

See: Cwmafan and District Band

Cymmer (Porth) Colliery Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Lewis Merthyr Silver Band (2)

Cymmer Colliery Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1879. Still active in 1898. Also later known as Cymmer Brass Band. Conductor James Prestwood in 1881, Richard C. Martin in 1888-1897

Dalkeith and Bilston Glen Colliery Band (Midlothian)

See: Dalkeith Burgh Band

Darfield District Houghton Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Wombwell Temperance Band

Darton Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1917. Active to 1927, conductor Noel Thorpe.

Daw Mill Colliery Band (Warwickshire)

See: Arley Welfare Band

Dawdon Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Dawdon Lodge Silver Band

Dawdon Lodge Silver Band (Seaham, Durham)

Formed in the early 1900s. Rename Dawdon Brass Band by 1931 - active in the 1950s and 1960s. Acquired a new set of instruments in 1962 at a cost of £2,500. Competed in the Junior Trophy in 1962. Folded some time in the late 1970s.

Deaf Hill Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1897. Still active in 1960

Deaf Hill Colliery Miners' Welfare Band (Durham)

See: Deaf Hill Colliery Band

Dean and Chapter Colliery Band (Ferryhill, Durham)

Formed in 1906 - the Dean and Chapter Colliery opened in 1904 - and was still active in 1947

Desford Colliery Band (Leicestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1898 - Former names: Ibstock United Band (to 1956). In 1912 the band engaged its first professional musical director Mr Albert Lawson, who made the twice-weekly trip to their rehearsal base in Leicester by horse and trap. The band steadily flourished until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 when the musicians were sent to the trenches. They regrouped at the end of the war to win a host of gold medals and become the most successful band in the Midlands. The Second World War again called a halt to their activities. When the band reformed they were faced with an urgent need to replace dilapidated instruments and in 1956 the band was assisted by the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation. Because of this and the fact that at the time the majority of musicians were miners, the band was renamed the Desford Colliery Band. Progress continued under various

conductors and to date the band has enjoyed legendary success winning no less than thirty-five championship titles. [Further information - see: Anon - Desford Colliery Welfare Band 1898-1978]

Digby Ambulance Brass Band (Kimberley, Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1902. Still active in 1904. Based at the Digby Colliery, Kimberley

Digby Colliery Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Digby Ambulance Brass Band

Dinnington Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1904 - Former names: Dinnington Main and Middleton Prize Brass Band, Dinnington (Middleton) Silver Prize Band, South Yorkshire Caravans Dinnington Colliery Band (1982-5), Webster Dinnington Colliery Band (1987-90). The band began rehearsals in a round building in Dinnington Hall grounds, which at one time was used for exercising horses. They began with second-hand instruments, under the baton of Mr. Walter Crapper. Because there were no chairs the men had to stand on wooden music stands for the whole of the rehearsal. The band received support from Dinnington Colliery Institute Company with grants of money and use of a room in the Institute building until the band built their own in 1952.

Dinnington Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1883. The colliery was near Newcastle, at Dinnington. (Not to be confused with the current Dinnington Colliery Band, originally linked to Dinnington Main Colliery in South Yorkshire)

Dipton Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1878 to the 1890s. Conductor John Ponton in 1879, J. Pewton in 1883

Dodworth Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1836 - Former names: Dodworth Prize Band, Dodworth Miners Welfare Band, Dodworth Colliery Band, British Steel Dodworth Band, JWE Mobile Phone Dodworth Band (1993?-1996), Dodworth Miners Welfare Phoenix Band, Dodworth Phoenix Band. Conductor W. Allen in 1867, James Moorhouse in 1894-1905. Officers in 1890 included: T.V. Wentworth, president; T. Taylor, president; C.H. Cobbold, chairman & treasurer; Mr Wills, secretary. The band's papers (1887-1942) are held at the Barnsley Archive and Local Studies Department

Dodworth Miners Welfare Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

Dodworth Miners Welfare Phoenix Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

Donnington Wood Brass Band (1) (Shropshire)

Active in 1863 to 1869. Bandmaster Mr Grant, leader Mr Bradeley in 1866. Also known as Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band and Wellington Rifle Corps Band through its association with the 7th Shropshire Rifle Volunteers. [Further information - see: Baldwin, Ted - Donnington Wood Brass Band]

Douglas Colliery Band (Lanarkshire)

The colliery was sited at Rigside on the banks of Douglas Water. Active from 1883 to the 1950s. Conductor Mr Paterson in 1886. Secretary W.W. Muir, treasurer John Hunter in 1904. Originally known as Rigside Brass Band, later

also known as Douglas Water Brass Band. Undertook a "North Tour" in July 1929 - Saturday 13th July, left Douglas Water, performance at Gourock, then on to their base at Huntly. 14th travel to Keith and Nairn. 15th travel to Turiff, Macduff and Banff. 16th travel to Dingwall, Beaully and Inverness. 17th travel to Portsoy, Buckie and Lossiemouth. 18th travel to Grantown and Nairn. 19th travel to Rothes and Dufftown. 20th travel to Elgin, Forbes and Inverness.

Dudley Brass Band (1) (Northumberland)

Active from 1861 to the 1880s. Conductor T. Carter in 1867, Thomas Dunn in 1869-1875. Associated with the local colliery.

Dudley Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Formed in 1890. Conductor Mr Bewick in 1896. Changed its name to Hartley Main Colliery Band before 1939, but reverted to Dudley Colliery Band in 1947. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by K. Bond. Another report gives its formation in 1894 as a brass and reed band, converting to all-brass in 1896.

Dudley Colliery Brass Band (1) (Northumberland)

See: Dudley Brass Band (1)

Dudley Colliery Brass Band (2) (Northumberland)

Formed in 1890. Conductor Mr Bewick in 1896. Changed its name to Hartley Main Colliery Band before 1939, but reverted to Dudley Colliery Band in 1947. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by K. Bond. Another report gives its formation in 1894 as a brass and reed band, converting to all-brass in 1896.

Dudley Colliery Excelsior Band (Northumberland)

See: Dudley Colliery Brass Band (2)

Dudley Colliery Temperance Brass Band (Northumberland)

Founded in 1894. Still active in 1900, secretary J. O. Jackson, leader W. Bewick jnr., assistant leader, W Stephenson

Dudley Colliery Workmen's Prize Band (Northumberland)

See: Dudley Colliery Brass Band (2)

Dudley Workmen's Silver Model Prize Band (Northumberland)

See: Dudley Colliery Band

Duffryn Colliery Brass Band (Mountain Ash, Glamorgan)

Active in 1872

Dunnikier Colliery Band (Fife)

Formed in May 1872, with 17 players, instruments bought from Mr Connell for £40. Active through to the 1930s. Conductor D. Day in 1890. Re-organised in October 1904. Also known as Dunnikier Brass Band. The band in 1914 consisted of Harry Campbell jun. (2nd horn), Walter Blair (1st cornet), William Cassey (soprano), James Campbell (1st cornet), David Briggs jun. (1st cornet), John Mills (3rd cornet), James Marr (assistant drummer), Thomas Howden (drummer), George Craigie (1st horn), John Howie (solo horn), David Briggs sen. (2nd baritone), Alex Ingram (solo trombone), James Forrester (bass trombone), George Ross (2nd trombone), Daniel Don (2nd flugel), Gavin Forrester (1st flugel), William Smart (Bb bass), James Howie (Eb bass), Alex Welsh (solo euphonium), John Reid (secretary), Robert Rimmer (professional conductor), Pearson Hepburn (solo cornet and sub-conductor), Robert Campbell (1st baritone), Francis Wilson (2nd euphonium), James Hay (Bb bass), Robert Mills (side drummer), Charles Bell (3rd cornet) and James Ross (2nd cornet).

Dunnikier Miners' Brass Band (Fife)

See: Dunnikier Colliery Band

Dunston Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in the early 1900s, bandmaster Mr Hacker. Folded in 1906 with its instruments being bought by the Rye Hill Mission Band

Durham Colliery Mechanics Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Ferryhill Town Band

Durham Miners' Association Brass Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 2009 - Note: Amalgamation of Broughtons Brass Band and Hetton Silver Band

Dysart Colliery Silver Band (Fife)

[current band] - Founded around 1920. During WW1 the previous Dysart Town Band had disbanded, and the instruments were stored in the Normand Hall. After the war a committee attempted to resuscitate the band, which eventually restarted with new players and engaged Robert Rimmer as professional conductor - a post he held until around 1928, when he was succeeded by John Faulds (then of Larkhall). - Former names: Dysart Town Band - Note: Became associated with the Randolph, Frances and Lady Blanche Collieries when the Earl of Roslyn sold out to the Fife Coal Company in 1923. Members competed regularly until 1969, before returning to competition in 2004.

Easington Colliery Band (1) (Durham)

Formed in 1913. Merged with the Easington Public Band in 1956, retaining the colliery band name, to form the current Easington Colliery Band

Easington Colliery Band (2) (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1956 by the merger of Easington Colliery Band and Easington Public Band - Former names: Easington Colliery Band (to 2006), RMT Easington Colliery Band (to 2009)

Easington Colliery Youth Band (Durham)

See: Easington Public Band

Easington Public Band (Durham)

Formed in 1915 as Easington Colliery Youth Band, became the National Fire Service Band during World War 2 and thereafter Easington Public Band. Merged with Easington Colliery Band in 1956.

East Cramlington Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1875, conductor W. Barkel. Still active in 1896. Conductor William Briggs in 1896

East Cramlington Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

See: East Cramlington Brass Band

East Howle Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Bandmaster S. Snowdon in 1889, James Maddison in 1893-1896

East Kirkby Colliery Band (Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire)

See: East Kirkby Miners Welfare Band

East Kirkby Miners Welfare Band (Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire)

Reformed in 1973 - which implies there was an earlier band. Conductor in 1976 was Roy Waters.

East Midlands Area 5 Ambulance Band (Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire)

Active in the 1950s

East Plean Colliery Band (Plean, Stirlingshire)

Founded in 1903, bandmaster Harry Phee. Still active in the 1920s and 1930s (as Plean Colliery Band). Conductor Charles Wright in 1928

Echo Ryhope Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Ryhope Colliery Band

Eden Colliery Welfare Band (Leadgate, Durham)

Active in the 1950s, 1960s. This colliery was near Consett.

Eldon Colliery Band (Shildon, Durham)

Active from the 1870s through to WW2. Conducted by T. Collinson in the 1930s.

Elmore Colliery and Easington Lane Band (Durham)

See: Elmore Colliery Band

Elmore Colliery Band (Easington Lane, Durham)

Formed in the 1900s, revived in 1906 under conductor Mr Lonby, with new instruments, folding in 1908. Its instruments were bought by the South Hetton Band

Elgin Colliery Brass Band (Dunfermline, Fife)

See: Elgin Miners' Brass Band

Elgin Miners' Brass Band (Dunfermline, Fife)

Active in 1859 to 1866

Ellington Colliery Band (Northumberland)

[previous name of current band] - see: Northumbrian Water Ellington Colliery Band

Ellington Colliery Band (Lynemouth, Northumberland)

Active in 1914, but probably folded during the Great War. A successor band was formed in Lynemouth in 1925.

Elsecar Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1950s to the 1970s. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.

Emlyn Colliery Brass Band (Penygroes, Carmarthenshire)

See: Penygroes Silver Band

Emma Colliery Band (Ryton, Durham)

Formed in the 1890s and was active through to 1938.

Eppleton Colliery Brass Band (Hetton-le-Hole, Durham)

Active in 1881, 1882

Esh Colliery Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band

Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band

Eston Miners' Old Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Eston Mines Brass Band

Eston Miners' Social Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Eston Social Brass Band

Eston Social Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in 1890 to 1894. Contemporary with the Eston Mines Brass Band

Evenwood Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed after WW1. Active until 1937. Merged with the Hunwick Colliery Band at some point.

Falmouth Submarine Miners' Brass Band (Cornwall)

Active in 1889, conductor G. Hallett

Felling Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1873 - Former names: Heworth Colliery Band, Washington Glebe Band (following the colliery closure) (to 1972) - Note: At some point, as Heworth Colliery Band, it amalgamated with Felling Town Silver Band, retaining its name. Conductor Mr McDonald in 1875, Thomas Henderson in 1882

Felling Colliery Silver Band (Durham)

See: Windy Nook Temperance Band

Ferens and Love's Workmen's Brass Band (Cornsay, Durham)

See: Cornsay Colliery Band

Ferguson and Co.'s Brass Band (Auchenheath, Lanarkshire)

See: Messrs James Ferguson and Co.'s Brass Band

Ferryhill Town Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1909 - Former names: Mainsforth Colliery Band, Mainsforth Colliery and Tursdale Workshops Band (1968), Durham Colliery Mechanics Band (1979-1994)

Firbeck Colliery (Ambulance) Band (Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the 1920s to the 1940s

Fishburn Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in the 1950s - Former names: Fishburn Colliery Welfare Band, National Smokeless Fuels (Fishburn) Band, National Smokeless Fuels Band, NSF (Coal Products) Band, Coal Products (CPL) Band

Fishburn Colliery Welfare Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Fishburn Band

Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Hemsworth Colliery Brass Band

Fleets Colliery Band (Tranent, East Lothian)

Active in the 1930s and 1940s. Fleets was a very wet pit, and a Cornish beam pumping engine was installed in the late 1880s. The colliery closed in early 1959.

Follingsby Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Active in the 1950s

Fordell Colliery Brass Band (Fife)

Active in the 19th century.

Framwellgate Moor Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1876. Still active in 1903

Frickley and South Elmsall Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1969 - Former names: Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Junior Band (1971), Carlton Main Youth (to 1992), Frickley South Elmsall Colliery Brass (1992), Frickley South Elmsall RS Haulage Till (1993), Frickley South Elmsall Standard Fireworks Band (1995-1999)

Frickley South Elmsall Colliery Brass (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Frickley and South Elmsall Brass Band

Fryston Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1950s.

Garswood Hall Brass Band (Garswood, Lancashire)

Active in 1893 into the early 1900s. T. Turton played euphonium in 1899

Garswood Hall Colliery Institute Brass Band (Garswood, Lancashire)

See: Garswood Hall Brass Band

Garw Colliery Band (Blaengarw, Glamorgan)

See: Garw Valley Silver Band

Garw Valley Silver Band (Blaengarw, Glamorgan)

Active in the 1950s to 1970s. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by W.T. Parker

Gauchalland Brass Band (Galston, Ayrshire)

Founded in early 1870 by employees of the Gauchalland Colliery Company. Instruments provided by H.D.Douglas & Son, 26 Brunswick Street, off Trongate, Glasgow. Contemporary with the Galston Brass Band. Conductor Andrew Fyfe in 1870-1872

Gauchalland Colliery Brass Band (Galston, Ayrshire)

See: Gauchalland Brass Band

Glapwell Colliery Brass Band (Chesterfield, Derbyshire)

Active in 1898. Still active in the 1930s. Officers in 1904 were: J.F. Lee (president), F. Haywood (vice-president), S. Thorneycroft (secretary), H. Elwell (assistant secretary). Secretary Henry Elwell in 1912. The colliery closed in 1974. Its first public outing was in February 1901.

Glebe Colliery Band (Washington, Durham)

See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Glebe Colliery Band (Cleator, Northumberland)

Active in 1859 when it won a contest at Cramlington. This was based at the Glebe iron ore mine at Cleator.

Glenrhondda Colliery Band (Treherbert, Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Treherbert Brass

Glyncorrwg Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1874, conductor Mr Saunders. Conductor William Harris in 1879. Active through to the early 1900s

Glyncorrwg Colliery Company's Brass Band (Glamorgan)

See: Glyncorrwg Brass Band

Glynn Vivian Miners' Mission Brass Band (Aylesham, Kent)

Active from the 1920s through to the late 1940s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Glynn Vivian Miners' Mission Brass Band (Deal, Kent)

Active in the 1930s

Govan Colliery Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in 1855. Active to the 1870s

Grasslot Colliery Band (Whitehaven, Cumberland)

Active in the 1960s

Grasslot Miners Welfare Brass Band (Whitehaven, Cumberland)

See: Grasslot Colliery Band

Great Western Colliery Band (Hopkinstown, Glamorgan)

Founded in 1898. Active through to 1939

Greenfield Colliery Band (Burnbank, Lanarkshire)

See: Burnbank Brass Band (2)

Gresford Colliery Silver Band (1) (Denbighshire)

Active in 1933. A successor band was formed in 1970

Gresford Colliery Silver Band (2) (Denbighshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Llay Welfare Band

Gresley Colliery Band (Derbyshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1857 - Former names: Gresley Band, Gresley Silver Prize Band, Gresley Ambulance Band, Church Gresley Colliery Band

- (1941), South Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Band (1968 to 1980s), Gresley Old Hall Brass Band (to 2006)
- Griff Colliery and Chilvers Coton Band** (Nuneaton, Warwickshire)
See: Griff Colliery Brass Band
- Griff Colliery Brass Band** (Nuneaton, Warwickshire)
 Active in the 1920s to the 1940s
- Grimethorpe Colliery (UK Coal) Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Grimethorpe Colliery Band
- Grimethorpe Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 [current band] - Founded in 1917 - Former names: Grimethorpe Colliery Institute Band (until ?), Grimethorpe Colliery Band, Grimethorpe Colliery RJB Band (1995-2002), Grimethorpe Colliery (UK Coal) Band
- Grimethorpe Colliery Institute Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Grimethorpe Colliery Band
- Grimethorpe Colliery RJB Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Grimethorpe Colliery Band
- Grinkle Miners' Brass Band** (Staithe, Yorkshire (North Riding))
 Active in 1892, conductor F.R. Dunning
- Hafod Colliery Band** (Denbighshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)
- Haigh Colliery Band** (Lancashire)
 Formed in 1843, one of the first to use all brass instruments. Still active in 1873
- Hamilton Palace Colliery Band** (Bothwell, Lanarkshire)
 Formed in 1899. Active to the 1950s. Bandmaster for many years was David Hunter, who built the band up from scratch on three occasions after the interruptions/problems caused by the two World Wars and the General Strike in 1926. The majority of the band joined up in 1914, leaving 5 members. The band reformed in 1917. 1926 saw another hiatus for a few years. It then flourished again before being reduced to eight members by the time war broke out in 1939.
- Hamstead Colliery Band** (Birmingham, Warwickshire)
 Active in 1894
- Hamsteels Colliery Band (1)** (Durham)
 Formed in the late 1880s and still active in 1938. Acquired new instruments in 1899 (costing £260), conductor H. Dunning. Conductor J. Dunning in 1903. Submitted plans for a new bandroom in Quebec in 1901
- Hamsteels Colliery Band (2)** (Langley Park and Cornsay, Durham)
 Formed in 1950, rehearsed in the Drill Hall in Quebec, which had a special room known as the "band room" for the practices. It was, according to one account, still active after the pit closed in 1958. But it probably folded not long after that.
- Hamsterley Colliery Brass Band** (Durham)
 Formed in 1898, conductor T. Snowdon. A newspaper report also has it active in 1896.
- Handen Hold Colliery Band** (West Pelton, Durham)
 Active from the 1950s to the 1970s.
- Hardwick Colliery Band** (Holmewood, Derbyshire)
 Formed in September 1908, conductor A. Roughton. Funds were raised through the winter, instruments bought for £210 and uniforms for £38, which they appeared in for the first time at a concert on July 24th 1909. They rehearsed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The members in 1909 were: A.

Roughton (bandmaster), S. Varley (soprano), Luke Lawson (solo cornet), Harry Hatton, Sam Smith, Enos Clarke, G.H. Ellis, F. Cox, A. Cooke and W. Neale (cornets), R. Short, J. Roughton and J. Jones (horns), E. England and R. Robinson (baritones), W. Beason (solo euphonium), J. Clark, W. Barlow and H. Handley (trombones), Tom Short, Sam Needham, Tom Thirlwell and E. Pemberton (basses). Active through to the 1950s. Hardwick Colliery became Holmewood Colliery after nationalisation. An earlier attempt (around 1898) was made to get a band going at the colliery, but this failed, and the few players who were gathered joined the ranks of the Doe Lea Brass Band instead.

Harperley Colliery Band (Crook, Durham)

Active in the 1920s

Harraton Colliery Brass Band (1) (Durham)

Active in 1881 into the 1890s

Harraton Colliery Brass Band (2) (Durham)

Active in 1963

Hartley Main Colliery Band (Dudley, Northumberland)

See: Dudley Colliery Band

Harton and Westoe Colliery Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Westoe Brass Band

Harton Colliery Band (1) (Durham)

Formed around 1842. Competed in the Morpeth Band Festival in 1873. Folded around 1878.

Harton Colliery Band (2) (Durham)

Active in 1896, conductor R.P. Fulton. A successor band was formed in 1911 when the colliery adopted the players of the Tyne Dock Temperance Band to form Harton Colliery Band, now currently known as Westoe Band.

Harton Colliery Band (3) (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Westoe Brass Band

Harworth Brass (Nottinghamshire)

[current band] - Founded in the 1930s - Former names: Harworth St Johns Ambulance and Colliery Silver Band, Harworth Colliery Welfare Band, (reformed in 1976), Harworth Colliery Caledonian Mining Band (1980s), R.J.B Brass, Harworth Brass (2001)

Harworth Colliery Caledonian Mining Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Harworth Brass

Harworth Colliery Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Harworth Brass

Harworth St Johns Ambulance and Colliery Silver Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Harworth Brass

Haswell Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1872. Still active in 1892

Hatfield and Askern Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Hatfield Colliery Band

Hatfield Colliery (DHP Interiors) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Hatfield Colliery Band

Hatfield Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1947 Hatfield Main Colliery Brass Band by George Hedley and Jim Rigby. Alf Emmerson, and Harold Cockayne were players in the early 1960s. Former names: Hatfield Main Colliery Band, Hatfield Colliery (DHP Interiors) Band, Wilfreda Beehive Hatfield Band (1990s), Hatfield

- Coalpower Band (2003), Hatfield Band (to 2006), Powerfuel Hatfield Colliery Band (to 2011)
- Hatfield Main Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Hatfield Colliery Band
- Hauxley Colliery Band** (High Hauxley, Northumberland)
 Active in the 1950s and 1960s
- Haydock Band** (Lancashire)
 [current band] - Founded in 1861 - Former names: Band of the Lancashire Hussars, Haydock Colliery Band. Conductor Thomas Jackson in 1869, C. Forshaw in 1883. The band was "re-established" in 1889 under the baton of William McIntyre (died February 1892), and new instruments costing £200 were purchased in late 1891.
- Haydock Colliery Band** (Lancashire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Haydock Band
- Hazelrig and Coxlodge Colliery Band** (Northumberland)
See: Coxlodge and Hazelrig Colliery Band
- Heanor Miners Welfare Band** (Derbyshire)
 Active in 1926, when it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by F. Beecroft
- Hebburn Colliery Band (1)** (Durham)
See: Hebburn Colliery Model Brass Band
- Hebburn Colliery Band (2)** (Durham)
 Formed in 1879 by William Reid, conductor Mr Maddison, as the "New Brass Band". Conductor Mr Pearson in 1889. The band won the Crystal Palace National Championships in 1904, conducted by Angus Holden. The band's victory tour however displeased the colliery management to the extent that some men were dismissed from the pit on their return. Folded in 1907. A newspaper report in December 1907 states: "The Hebburn Colliery Band did much by its fine playing to brighten the colliery village on Tyneside. But it had the misfortune to win the £1,000 challenge trophy at the Crystal Palace two years ago. Outside engagements poured in, and proprietors felt that they were not justified in supporting the band when it so seldom played in the village. So they withdrew their support and the band has been given up. This is not a pleasant story." The band's instruments were subsequently acquired by the Benwell and District Band.
- Hebburn Colliery Band (3)** (Durham)
See: Hebburn Town Band
- Hebburn Colliery Model Brass Band** (Durham)
 Founded in 1874. Still active in 1875, instructors N. Stenton and J. Stenton, president William Wardle, bandmaster Mr Maddison, leader M. Wardle, conductor Mr Taylor, instruments costing £140 bought from Caufield Brothers, Grainger Street West, Newcastle. Also known as Maddison's Brass Band. A "new" brass band was formed in 1879
- Hebburn Colliery Operative Prize Brass Band** (Durham)
See: Hebburn Colliery Band (2)
- Hebburn Colliery Subscription Band** (Durham)
See: Hebburn Town Band
- Hebburn Colliery Temperance Band** (Durham)
 Founded in 1898, secretary Mr Trelease. Still active in 1902. A separate band to Hebburn Colliery Band - they both entered contest at Tynemouth in 1901, the main colliery band won the contest, the Temperance Band was conducted by George Hawkins.

Hebburn Town Band (Durham)

Formed in 1874. Conductor J. Garbutt in 1881, Mr Reed in 1885. Renamed Hebburn Colliery Subscription Band in 1907, taking the name of the defunct band which folded that year. It was still active into the 1930s, folding when the colliery closed.

Hemsworth Colliery Athletic Club Brass Band (Fitzwilliam, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1932

Hemsworth Colliery Brass Band (1) (Fitzwilliam, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in early 1894. Still active in 1913 when W. Barraclough was a member (bandmaster?)

Hemsworth Colliery Brass Band (2) (Fitzwilliam, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1940s to 1960s

Herrington Colliery Band (West Herrington, Durham)

Active in the 1890s

Hetton Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1931.

Hetton-le-Hole Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1903

Heworth Colliery Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Felling Band

Hickleton Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Hickleton Main Colliery Band

Hickleton Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed after WW1 in the 1920s. Successful in competitions in the 1940s and 1950s. Folded in the 1970s. Herbert Batty was a cornet player and William Merrill was a trombone player with the band. During this period some other details were - Patrons: Lord Halifax, Col. Warde Aldam, Mr D Griffiths, MP. Chairman: H. Batty, 44 Queen Street, Goldthorpe. Secretary: J. Sutcliffe, 116 High Street, Goldthorpe. Winners of over £2000 in prizes. Winners Belle Vue 1946, runners up 1947. Winners at Guisboro' 1949, Barton on Humber 1949, Eckington 1949, NCB Contest at Sheffield in 1950. They wore smart uniforms, green tunics with gold facings, black trousers.

High Spen Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in the early 1900s

Highley Brass Band (Shropshire)

Active from the early 1890s. Conductor James B. Jones in 1893. Later known as Highley Colliery Band, and sometimes as Alveley Colliery Band. It was disbanded in 1967 when the mine closed. It is believed its first conductor was a head pit surveyor called Horace Lloyd, who also owned Lloyds shop in High Street. The Highley Mining Company began trading in 1877 and soon became a profitable enterprise. It was taken over by the National Coal Board in 1947 and employed over 1,000 men at its peak. A new band of the same name was formed in 1993.

Highley Colliery Band (1) (Shropshire)

See: Highley Brass Band

Highley Colliery Band (2) (Shropshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1993 - Former names: Highley Band - Note: Formed by a number of locals from other local bands, was renamed Highley Colliery Band at the millenium when celebrations of the village's mining past were taking place. The band's uniform today is green and black to remember

the green of the local Shropshire countryside and the black of the local mines. The original Highley Colliery Band was formed around the turn of the twentieth century and disbanded in 1967 when the mine closed.

Hilton Colliery Brass Band (Essington, Staffordshire)

Active in the 1930s

Hobson Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1900 - Hobson Pit, Burnopfield.

Holmewood Colliery Band (Derbyshire)

Active in the 1900s, conductor G. Hutchinson in 1903. Disbanded in 1906

Holywell Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1878

Horden Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Horden Silver Band

Horden Silver Band (Durham)

Formed in 1908, later known as Horden Colliery Band. Became BHK UK Ltd Horden Band from 2003, folded in 2006.

Houghton Colliery Band (Houghton-le-Spring, Durham)

Formed in the 1890s and folded around 1939.

Houghton Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Wombwell Temperance Band

Howden Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1900

Hucknall-Linby Miners Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Newstead Brass

Hulton Brass Band (Walkden, Lancashire)

Formed in 1975 when the Walkden Junior Band broke away from Walkden Band. They rehearsed at a local Church and seem to have initially done well. The band received sponsorship from Agecroft Colliery for a short time, changing its name to Agecroft Colliery Band. Unfortunately the venture seems to have lasted only about six years and the band folded in the early 1980's.

Hunwick Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1890s. Conductor H. Gibson in 1899. Merged with the Evenwood Colliery Band at some time. Also known as Hunwick Silver Band and competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Probably folded in the 1950s.

Hylton Colliery Brass Band (1) (Castletown, Durham)

Formed in the early 1900s. Renamed as Castletown Colliery Band at some point. Active through to the 1930s

Hylton Colliery Brass Band (2) (Castletown, Durham)

Formed in 1949, renamed Monkwearmouth Lodge Band (aka Wearmouth Colliery Band) in 1980, folded in 2000.

Ifton Band (Shropshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1916 - Former names: Ifton Brass Band, Ifton Colliery Silver Band (1959). *[Further information - see: Anon - Ifton Band Oswestry - 90 years - 2006]*

Ifton Colliery Silver Band (Shropshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Ifton Band

Ingleton Colliery Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: New Ingleton Colliery Band

- Ireland Colliery (Chesterfield) Band** (Derbyshire)
[current band] - Founded around 1989 by the merger of Ireland Colliery Band and Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band
- Ireland Colliery Band** (Derbyshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: *Ireland Colliery (Chesterfield) Band*
- Ireland Colliery Band** (Staveley, Derbyshire)
Formed in the 1880s. Merged with Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band in the late 1980s to form Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band.
- Irwell Colliery Band** (Lancashire)
Active in 1925
- Jump Colliery Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1880
- Kellingley Colliery Band** (Knottingley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Formed in June 1981 from a small nucleus of former Lofthouse Colliery Band members. The band then progressed, providing musical opportunities for the youngsters of the mining community. Active through the 1980s
- Kelty Miners' Brass Band** (Fife)
Active in 1894
- Kibblesworth Colliery Brass Band (1)** (Durham)
Active from 1860 to 1869. Conductor W. Bowden in 1869
- Kibblesworth Colliery Brass Band (2)** (Durham)
Formed after WW2 and still active in the late 1950s. Probably folded in the 1960s
- Kilburn Colliery Band** (Derbyshire)
Played at the annual tea meeting at the colliery in August 1862
- Killingworth Colliery Brass Band** (Northumberland)
Active in 1876, secretary James Wardle. Conductor Mr Davis in 1877
- Kilnhurst Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in the 1930s
- Kilsyth Miners Welfare Band** (Stirlingshire)
Formed after WW2 and active through to the late 1950s
- Kimberley Brass Band (2)** (Nottinghamshire)
Founded in September 1877. First public appearance on Monday 25th February 1878. Conductor E. Matthews in 1878-1881. Active through to the 1910s. Conductor F.R. Twells in 1878-1886. Became associated with Kimberley Colliery by the early 1880s. In 1894 it became the Babbington Colliery St John Ambulance Band, still led by Mr Twells until his death in 1908.
- Kimberley Colliery Brass Band** (Nottinghamshire)
See: Kimberley Brass Band (2)
- Kinglassie Colliery Band** (Fife)
Active in 1949
- Kingswood Colliery Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
Active in 1865, conductor W. Hardman. Cosham and Wethered were a company owning various coal mines in the Bristol area, including Kingswood Colliery
- Kinneil Colliery Silver Band** (West Lothian)
Active in 1958, when it competed in the Glasgow Charities Contest, winning the "Second Section Cup" and coming third in the open contest, playing "New World Symphony" by Dvorak. [Further information - see: Hendrie, William F

- Kinneil Band: One Hundred and Twenty Five Years of Music 1858-1983 - Kinneil Colliery Silver Band, 1983]
- Kinsley Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in the 1900s. H. Haley won a euphonium medal in 1904 when the band competed and won at Stanningley.
- Kinsley Fitzwilliam-Hemsworth Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Kinsley Colliery Band
- Kippax (Allerton Bywater Workshops N.U.M.) Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Kippax Band
- Kippax Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[current band] - Founded in 1834 - Former names: Kippax Old Prize Band, Kippax (Allerton Bywater Workshops N.U.M.) Band - Note: In 1933 the Band decided to have tea to "commemorate the Band as being the oldest brass band in England on January 13th 1934. This year makes 120 years as a Band and 100 years as an all Brass Band." The band was thus established 1814 and converted to all-brass in 1834.
- Kirkby Colliery Band** (Nottinghamshire)
In 1927 the miners of Summit Colliery, Kirby-in-Ashfield, offered to pay a bond of one old penny per ten working men to help develop a band once more (following the demise of the earlier Kirky Silver Band. A deal was agreed with the colliery owners and the band was on its way again but this time as a 'colliery band'. During the 1930s the band began to contest in the 4th Section. A third place in the national finals ensured promotion to the 3rd Section. In 1940, however, the band closed down as a result of the Second World War. Many of the players, being colliery and railway men, had extra work due to the war effort and others were lost on active service. Instruments were put into storage for safe keeping. In 1944 the instruments were returned as the war came to an end. With the nationalization of the coal industry came the formation of the 'Coal Industry Social and Welfare Organisation' (CISWO) which promoted contests for mining bands and helped spread the news that the brass band movement was a worthy institution. Luckily, the Summit miners realized what potential they had close to home and in 1949 they were presented with their own band room. In 1963 the band folded. A successor band was formed in 1970 following the closure of the Summit Colliery itself in 1969. See also Kirkby Silver Band
- Kirkby Colliery Welfare Band** (Nottinghamshire)
[current band] - Founded in 1970 - Note: Earlier bands in Kirkby-in-Ashfield existed from 1897-1924 and 1927-1962
- Kirkless (NCB) Band** (Wigan, Lancashire)
See: Standish Brass Band (2)
- Kiveton Park Colliery Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in the 1870s. Still active in 1902. Conductor J. Bewering in 1886. Known as Kiveton Park Temperance Band for a while in the 1880s
- Lady Windsor Colliery Band** (Ynysybwll, Glamorgan)
Active from the 1930s. Presumed to have folded sometime in the 2000s.
- Langley Park Brass Band** (Durham)
Active in 1892. Its instruments had been obtained on hire-purchase from Thomas Woods, Newcastle. Received their first full set of CISWO instruments in 1921. Folded in 2004. Member in 1892 included: George Rees, William Burns and Walter Gale.

Langley Park Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Langley Park Brass Band

Langwith Colliery Institute Silver Band (Derbyshire)

See: Langwith Miners Welfare Band

Langwith Miners Welfare Band (Derbyshire)

Active from the mid-1880s. Conductor Thomas Renshaw in 1903. Also known as Langwith Brass Band. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor A.S. Grant (drawn 1 of 11 bands, they were placed 3rd). Continued through to the early 1980s

Langwith Workmen's Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Langwith Miners Welfare Band

Larkhall Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

Active from the mid-1860s to the 1960s. Larkhall Public, Larkhall Raploch, Larkhall Silver were all active in this period, and it is not clear which was which, but they all seemed to share the same conductors and were probably the same band. J. Fullerton played trombone in 1901. The band in 1955 consisted of: Conductor: Gregor J. Grant; Soprano: James North; Solo Cornet: Gavin Stewart, David Crawford, James Fullarton, James Read; Repiano Cornet: John McLean; 2nd Cornet: John Paterson, Angus Cameron; 3rd Cornet: William Yule, James Simmons; Flugel: William Brown; Solo Horn: William Kelly; 1st Horn: Peter Grenfell; 2nd Horn: Peter Jones; 1st Baritone: Archibald Fullarton; 2nd Baritone: E.W. Goldie; Euphonium: Donald Fullarton, John Brown; 1st Trombone: Alexander C. Grierson; 2nd Trombone: James Graham; Bass Trombone: James Jackson; Eb Bass: William Arnott, James Winning; BBb Bass: Archibald Harris, George Smith; Secretary: John Martin

Larkhall Colliery Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Larkhall Brass Band

Leadgate Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Leadgate Workmen's Band

Leadgate Workmen's Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1931

Leasingthorne Colliery Prize Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1900s and active through to the 1950s. It was disbanded when the workers were transferred to the Dean and Chapter Colliery at Ferryhill. Members in 1926 included Tommy Smith, Manny Smith, Billy Hutchinson, Benny Smith, Ernie Ellison, Phil Wigley, Percy Smith, Jimmy Scofield, Albert Wigley, Alfie Coates, Ned Wigley, Danny Teasdale, John Temperley, Emmanuel Smith, Joe Dayton, Alfred McLean and Archie McLean.

Lesmahagow and District Public Miners' Welfare Band (Lanarkshire)

Started in 1927 as an offshoot of the Independent Order of Good Templars Band and was known simply as the Public Band, but the need for a regular source of funds brought association with the Miners' Welfare club. Due to dwindling public support and the lack of players of the right calibre, it was found necessary to wind up the band at the start of WW2. During its brief history, the Public band had reached the Premier grade and had achieved nation-wide recognition following its successes on the contest field and radio broadcasts on the BBC. When the band disposed of their instruments they donated the proceeds of the sale of their instruments to the Nursing Association to buy the district nurse's first car. The band trophies, which dated from the contests held in the village in the twenties, saw the light of day once

more when the Lesmahagow Highland Games were inaugurated in the late nineteen fifties. The 'Nethanvale Cup' is awarded to the best Lanarkshire pipe band in Grade Three and the 'St. Machute' trophy to the band second in Grade Three.

Lewis Merthyr Colliery Temperance Band (Glamorgan)

See: Trehafod Rechabites Brass Band

Lewis Merthyr Silver Band (2) (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1879 - Former names: Cymmer (Porth) Colliery Band (to 1949), Lewis Merthyr Workmen's Institute Band, Lewis Merthyr (Cardiff Lift Co.) Band

Lilleshall Collieries Prize Band (Shropshire)

See: Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band

Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band (2) (Shropshire)

See: Donnington Wood Brass Band (1)

Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band (2) (Shropshire)

Active from the 1890s. Conductor James Bedford in 1896, W. Williams in 1902. Originally St George's Temperance Band and renamed following the colliery sponsorship in 1907, when the company bought the band many new instruments and a set of new uniforms. Name changed to Oakengates and District Band in 1962 when the council helped financially. The band folded in the late 1960s.

Lingdale Ironstone Miners' Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Lingdale Silver Band

Lingdale Silver Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Formed in 1851 as Lingdale Ironstone Miners' Band. Later known as Lingdale Silver Band, Lingdale Silver (ICI Chemical Products) Band (from 1986). Merged with Yarm and District Band in 1998 to form Lockwood Band. Conductor R. Hetherington in 1898. Members in 1955 were: John Chamberlain, Reg Stocks, Timmy Bell, Herbert Breeze, Gus Coote, Jack Dadd, Fred Ramage Snr (Conductor), Harold Ackerly, Brian Ackerly, J. Dadd, Brian Lynas, George Watson, Alan Wright, Mike Wood, Peter Jackson, Leonard Wright, Brian Weeks, Brian Atkinson, Tom Ackerley, John Robinson, Tony Booth, Ron Atkinson, Fred Ramage jnr, Derek Watson, Jim Moody, Windsor Routledge, Brian Calvert, Mike Welford, John Welford, Nelson Watson, Clyde Sunley, Colin Byers, George Ackerley, John Ackerley, Eric Bringloe, Lewis Hopper, Eric Bushby, and Tommy Swinburne

Linton Colliery Band (Morpeth, Northumberland)

Founded in 1903 when the Alnwick Artillery Volunteer Band disbanded. Most of the players then formed the new Linton Miners' Brass Band

Linton Miners' Brass Band (Morpeth, Northumberland)

See: Linton Colliery Band

Linton Miners' Silver Model Band (Morpeth, Northumberland)

See: Linton Colliery Band

Little Chilton Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1855

Llanhilleth Colliery Band (Monmouthshire)

Founded in 1908, conductor Mr Watkins. Still active in 1914

Llay Colliery Welfare Band (Wrexham, Denbighshire)

Founded in 1928. Disbanded in 1967 - with instruments and equipment going to the Point of Ayr Band.

Llay Welfare Band (Denbighshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1970 - Former names: Gresford Band, Gresford Colliery Welfare Silver Band - Note: Original Llay Colliery Band disbanded in 1967 - with instruments and equipment going to the Point of Ayr Band. In the 1970's Gresford band found themselves homeless when the N.U.M office in Wrexham was closed. They were offered practice facilities at the Miners Institute in Llay. The offer was accepted and Llay Welfare band was reborn

Llwycoed Silver and Colliery Welfare Band (Wrexham, Denbighshire)

Founded in 1914. Disbanded in 1967 - with instruments and equipment going to the Point of Ayr Band

Lochore Colliery Band (Fife)

Active in the 1920s to 1950s

Lofthouse Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the 1950s to the early 1980s. Based at Lofthouse, near Wakefield

Longannet Colliery Band (Cowdenbeath, Fife)

See: Cowdenbeath Brass Band

Longhirst Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Founded in 1860. Active to the late 1880s. Conductor J. Ponton and secretary T. Fornear in 1873. Conductor G. Harvey, secretary Joseph Dixon in 1880. Conductor Thomas Miller and secretary James Wright in 1887

Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band (Silksworth, Durham)

Formed in 1884, the band was one of the oldest in the area. Known as Silksworth Temperance Band, Silksworth Good Templar Band. Brass Band players are notorious for liking the odd pint and so it was obvious the temperance tag wouldn't last. Therefore in 1905 (or 1908?), the band became the Silksworth Colliery Band, a name they carried proudly for over 80 years. Conductor T. Coulson 1908-1933. When the colliery closed, Vaux Brewery became the band's first ever sponsor, with the band renamed as the Vaux Samson Band. This was not to last, however, as Vaux itself closed in 1999. The band was then sponsored by Pride Valley Foods and adopted the new title of Pride Valley Brass, and finally known as RMT Silksworth Band, only to disband in 2005.

Loscoe Miners Welfare Silver Band (Derbyshire)

Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Lowca Colliery Band (Whitehaven, Cumberland)

Active in the 1890s and from the 1930s to the 1960s

Lumley (6th Pit) Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Lumley Colliery Brass Band (2)

Lumley and New Lambton Colliery (Durham)

Active in 1922

Lumley Colliery Brass Band (1) (Durham)

Active in 1880. Assumed to have folded prior to a successor band forming in the 1890s

Lumley Colliery Brass Band (2) (Durham)

Formed in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Won the Cassell's Shield at the Crystal Palace in 1928. Still active in 1964, but folded later in the 1960s.

Lumley Colliery Silver Prize Band (Durham)

See: Lumley Colliery Brass Band (2)

Lynemouth Colliery Band (Newbiggin, Northumberland)

See: Newbiggin Colliery Band

- Maerdy Colliery Brass Band** (Glamorgan)
See: Mardy Colliery Brass Band
- Mainsforth Colliery and Tursdale Workshops Band** (Durham)
[previous name of current band] - see: Ferryhill Town Band
- Mainsforth Colliery Band** (Durham)
[previous name of current band] - see: Ferryhill Town Band
- Maltby Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Maltby Miners Welfare Band
- Maltby Miners St John Ambulance Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Maltby Miners Welfare Band
- Maltby Miners Welfare Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 [current band] - Founded in 1910 - Former names: Maltby Main St John Ambulance Band, Maltby Miners St John Ambulance Band, Maltby Miners Welfare Band, Maltby Colliery Band
- Manor Colliery Band** (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1970s
- Mansfield Colliery Silver Prize Band** (Nottinghamshire)
 Active from the 1900s to the 1960s. Led the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915. Starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park.
- Manvers Main Colliery Band** (Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active from the 1900s to the 1950s. Known as Manvers and Barnburgh Band from 1944 onwards.
- Mapperley Colliery Ambulance Band** (Derbyshire)
 Active from 1900 to the 1930s. J. Hancock secretary in 1936
- Mapperley Colliery Brass Band** (Derbyshire)
See: Mapperley Colliery Ambulance Band
- Mardy Colliery Brass Band** (Maerdy, Glamorgan)
 Active in 1886, conductor T.E. Richards. Still active in the early 1900s. Secretary Vincent J. Howe in 1890. Also known as Mardy Workingmen's Brass Band
- Markham and District Band** (Monmouthshire)
 [current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Markham British Legion Band (to 1930), Markham and District Colliery Band, Markham Brass Band
- Markham and District Colliery Band** (Monmouthshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Markham and District Band
- Markham Main Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 [current band] - Founded in 1924 - Former names: Markham Main Colliery St John Ambulance Band - Note: Coronation Day 1937 - Owing to the bad weather the Historical Pageant staged for Coronation Day was postponed until Saturday evening, when it is hoped that a further firework display, together with the lighting of the bonfire, will be held. The parade of decorated vehicles and people in fancy dress was held, however, and a large crowd followed it. The procession formed at the Landsale Yard, and during the time it was being assembled the Markham Main Ambulance Band, conducted by Mr. E. Griffiths, played.
- Markham Main Colliery St John Ambulance Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Markham Main Colliery Band

Marley Hill Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Marley Hill Silver Prize Band

Marley Hill Silver Prize Band (Durham)

Formed in 1890. One of the founder members was John Bewick, a colliery blacksmith. He was born at Highfield near Hexham in 1856 and came with his parents to Old Sunnyside in 1860. At the age of 12 he began work in the engine sheds at Andrews House colliery where he stayed for 6 months before serving his apprenticeship as a blacksmith. He subsequently worked for 57 years in this trade for J. Bowes and Partners. Still active in 1939, the band rehearsed in Sunnyside. Also known as Marley Hill Colliery Band

Marsden Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1850s as South Shields Young Men's Temperance Brass Band, and known under similar names to the 1900s. Conductor John Chapman in 1866, Mr Barrow in 1900. It was disbanded by the Marsden Colliery Miners Lodge in 1930 in controversial circumstances, and its instruments were bought by Dinnington Colliery Band. Conductor Mr Dennison in 1880, J. Allen in 1889-1894, R. Dennison in 1897. Also known as the North and South Shields Temperance Band, South Shields Excelsior Temperance Band, South Shields Temperance Union Brass Band, South Shields Young Men's Temperance Brass Band. In 1889 the band rehearsed on Saturday evenings at 6pm at the Practice Room, Gospel Temperance Hall, Wallis Street

Marsden Colliery Prize Band (Durham)

See: Marsden Colliery Band

Marsden Miners' Prize Brass Band (Durham)

See: Marsden Colliery Band

McLaren Colliery Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

See: McLaren's Workmen's Silver Band

McLaren's Workmen's Silver Band (Abertysswg, Monmouthshire)

Founded in 1907, conductor Thomas Threlfall. Based at the McLaren Colliery. Later also known as Pontlloftyn McClaren Silver Band. Bandmaster J. Jackson in 1919

Merthyr Vale Colliery Brass Band

See: Merthyr Vale Silver Band

Merthyr Vale Silver Band (Glamorgan)

Active from 1891 to WW1. Associated with the local colliery. Conductor Alex Thomas in 1892-1896, D. Stephens in 1906

Messrs Cossham and Wethered's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Kingswood Colliery Brass Band

Messrs Ferens and Love's Workmen's Brass Band (Cornsay, Durham)

See: Cornsay Colliery Band

Messrs James Ferguson and Co.'s Brass Band (Auchenheath, Lanarkshire)

Active in 1863 to 1867. Ferguson's pits produced a coal particularly rich in gas and oil

Messrs Wethered and Cossham's Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Kingswood Colliery Brass Band

Michael Colliery Band (East Wemyss, Fife)

Active from the 1920s to the 1950s

Micklefield Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Micklefield Miners' Brass Band

Micklefield Miners' Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1894. Still active in 1900

Mickley Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Founded in May 1861. Active through to the 1960s. Conductor D. Ruddock in 1883, T. Brown in 1889, J.W.A. Eskdale in 1898, Mark Ridley in 1902

Mickley Square Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

See: Mickley Colliery Brass Band

Middlesbrough Model Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Formed in 1866, active up to WW2. Conductor, A. Milburn in the early days to the 1890s. Bandmaster Mr Moore in 1905. Also known as the Submarine Miners (Royal Engineers) Band (Teesside) in the late 1880s to 1900s

Middleton Main Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Associated with the colliery owned by John Neal at Middleton near Leeds. Active in the 1900s

Milnthorpe Miners Band (Westmorland)

[current band] - Active from 2012

Milnwood Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

Founded in 1897 and active throughout the 1900s. Secretary J. Wilson in 1898. Also known as Milnwood Colliery Band and Milnwood, Mossend and Clydesdale Brass Band. Was conducted by John McCubbrey, who was considered the doyen of Scottish bandmasters at the time of his death. He was a pupil of Professor Hardy of Glasgow Conservatory who was, in turn, a pupil of Franz Liszt. The band was Brass Band Champion of Scotland in 1902. At some point it apparently was also known as the 2nd Lanarkshire Royal Engineers Band, and Milnwood, Mossend and Clydesdale Brass Band. Players in 1902 included: A. Copland, W. Filley, T. Provan, W. McCubbrey, R. Dawson, and R. Russell

Milnwood Colliery Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Milnwood Brass Band

Miners' Saxtuba Band (St Austell, Cornwall)

See: St Austell Saxtuba Brass Band

Mitchell and Darfield Miners' Institute Band (Darfield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mitchell's Main and Darfield Band

Mitchell's Main and Darfield Band (Darfield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Based at Darfield, near Barnsley. Active in the 1980s

Moira Colliery Brass Band (Leicestershire)

Active from 1875 to the 1930s. Also known as Moira Brass Band. Conductor J. Astle in 1908. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor Jas. Astle (drawn 7 of 11 bands, they were placed 2nd). Also known as Lord Donington's Brass Band in 1880 (he owned the Moira collieries)

Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band (Midlothian)

Formed in 1918, it was then registered as a competing band in 1921 as "Prestonlinks Colliery Silver Band". Early bandmasters/conductors include John Hay, a well-known name in the music 'industry' locally, whose son Ian (who was taught in the band) went on to become a professional musician and Head Teacher of Music at Preston Lodge High School. The pit closed in the early 1960's. The band then became known as "Prestonpans and District Silver Band" until the sponsorship from the Monktonhall Colliery came along. Merged with Dalkeith Burgh Band in 1989 to form Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band.

Monkwearmouth Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1858. Still active in 1894

Moresby Colliery Band (Cumberland)

Active in the 1920s to 1950s. George Kirkby was the conductor in 1931

Moresby Park Colliery Band (Cumberland)

See: Moresby Colliery Band

Morrison and Busty Collieries Band (Annfield Plain, Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Consett Band

Morrison Busty Colliery Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Consett Band

Motherwell and Hamilton Palace Colliery Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Motherwell and Palace Colliery Band

Motherwell and Palace Colliery Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Murton Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Founded in 1884, disbanding in July 2018. Former names: Murton Temperance Gospel Blue Ribbon Army Band (to 1885), also known as Blue Ribbon Temperance Band - Conductor Robert Short in 1887, George Docherty in 1889, E.R. Vest in 1900-1904. Note: The members wore a blue ribbon on their sleeve. Nine months after formation, with a drop in subscriptions and with recruitment of new members somewhat under strain, it was decided "that the band be still carried on, but every member be left to his own option whether to be teetotal or not, except at the time of an engagement." William Briars was a member in 1894 at the time of his death by a fall of stone in the colliery. [Further information - see: Abbott, Helen - Murton pit and people 1838-1984 : facts and reflections of the Murton prize band - Murton Mining Federation Board, Murton, Swansea, 1984; Anon - Murton Colliery Brass Band Centenary Celebration - 1984]

N.C.B. No.5 Area Ambulance Band (Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire)

See: East Midlands Area 5 Ambulance Band

Netherton Colliery Band (Bedlington, Northumberland)

Active between 1871 and the late 1940s. Secretary James Patterson in 1874, John Duns Moor in 1875. Conductor M. Moore in 1907. Later known as Netherton Silver Model Band

New Brancepeth Colliery Band (1) (Willington, Durham)

Active in 1872

New Brancepeth Colliery Band (2) (Willington, Durham)

See: Sleetburn Colliery Band

New Delaval Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in the 1870s. In 1875 the conductor was George Hunter and secretary Charles Smith.

New Fancy Colliery Brass Band (Parkend, Gloucestershire)

Active from 1883 to early 1900s. Conductor H. Morgan in 1890-1892

New Haden Colliery Silver Band (Brookhouses, Staffordshire)

Active from the early 1900s to 1939

New Hemsworth Colliery Band (Fitzwilliam, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Contemporary with the Hemsworth Colliery Brass Band

New Herrington Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1900s. Became a military style band after the First World War. Conductor in 1953 was G. Steele

New Ingleton Colliery Band (Ingleton, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in the 1910s. Conductor Thomas Armstrong in 1919. [Further information - see: Bentley, John I.; Bond, Bernard; Gill, Mike - Ingleton Colliery Band, in Ingleton Coalfield Bernard - Northern Mine Research Society Monograph, British Mining No. 76, 2005, pp.113. ISSN 0308 2199. ISBN-13: 978-0-901450-58-6]

New Monckton Colliery Band (Royston, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Royston New Monckton Colliery Institute Band

New Redheugh Colliery Band (Gateshead, Durham)

See: Redheugh Colliery Band

Newbiggin Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Formed in 1913 by a local group of musicians, it was funded by a weekly subscription of a penny a week from the workmens pay. The band was made up of miners who worked at the colliery and in many cases employment was found to attract players. The band had a proud tradition of contesting and represented the area at many national competitions. During the 1940's a large number of Newbiggin Miners were transferred to the nearby Lynemouth Colliery. For a period of time the band was known as the Lynemouth Colliery Band and later the Newbiggin and Lynemouth Colliery Band, however in 1968 Newbiggin Colliery closed where the name was dropped from it's title renamed Lynemouth Colliery Band. Since this period the band had a variety of rehearsal premises in Newbiggin including the CO-OP Hall, Central Club and the 'HUT' in the 'Bull Field'. In 1985 Lynemouth Colliery closed and again the band changed it's name to the Newbiggin Welfare Band. The band moved from the 'HUT' to the Newbiggin Welfare grounds, with support from Wansbeck District Council the band was able to purchase a new rehearsal room equipped with toilets, kitchen and heating and became self-financing. In 1994 Greggs of Gosforth agreed to sponsor the band, this heralded another new name the 'Greggs Bakery Band'. The band folded in 2009

Newbottle Colliery Band (Philadelphia, Durham)

Active in 1895

Newbridge (Celynen) Band (Monmouthshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1952 - Former names: Celynen Collieries Band, Celynen Collieries Institute Silver Band

Newbury Colliery Band (Somerset)

Active in 1894

Newcraighall Colliery Band (Edinburgh, Midlothian)

Active in 1888. Still active in 1896

Newmains and District Colliery Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

Newmarket Colliery Band (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band (1)

Newmarket Colliery Stanley Band (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band (1)

Newstead Brass (Nottinghamshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1975 - Former names: Hucknall-Linby Miners Welfare Band (to 1988), Newstead Welfare Band

Newstead Colliery Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Formed in 1886. Active through to WW1, conductor Isaac Parkin.

Newton Colliery Brass Band (Newton on the Moor, Northumberland)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Newton Colliery Brass Band (Cambuslang, Lanarkshire)

Active in the late 1890s and 1900s. John McIntosh (d. 1920), assisted in the training of Newton Colliery bandsmen. The colliery was Messrs Dunlop & Co's.

Newtongrange and Bilston Colliery Band (Midlothian)

[previous name of current band] - see: Newtongrange Silver Band

Newtongrange Silver Band (Midlothian)

[current band] - Founded in 1892 - Former names: Newtongrange Lothian Silver Band, Newtongrange & Bilston Colliery Band, Scottish Brewers (Newtongrange) Band. Conductor James Nelson in 1905. Temporarily disbanded 1930-32. Attached to the Lothian Coal Company before the National Coal Board took over.

Niddrie Colliery Brass Band (Midlothian)

Active in 1893

Nine Mile Point Colliery Silver Band (Cwmfelinfach, Monmouthshire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Conductor G. Philips in 1921 (when he was presented with an engraved silver and ebonised baton from the band)

No. 5 Ambulance Area (Loscoe) Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1955

Norristhorpe Ambulance Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1910

North Biddick Colliery Band (Low Lambton, Durham)

Active in the 1890s

North Seaton Colliery Band (1) (Northumberland)

Founded in 1863, with £13 initially being subscribed towards instruments and music, secretary Joseph Campbell. Played for the launching of the new Newbiggin lifeboat in January 1866, and the Woodhorn and Newbiggin Poultry and Pigeon Show in July that year. Secretary/leader R. Gillis in 1867-1869. Conductor Thomas Gibson in 1870-1874, with secretary John Weir. M. Johnson conductor in 1883. Presumably folded prior to 1905.

North Seaton Colliery Band (2) (Northumberland)

See: Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band

North Seaton Colliery Band (3) (Northumberland)

[previous name of current band] - see: Wansbeck's Ashington Colliery Band

North Seaton Workmen's Prize Band (Northumberland)

See: Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band

North Skelton Miners' Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in the 1920s

Northumbrian Water Ellington Colliery Band (Northumberland)

[current band] - Founded in 1925 - Former names: Lynemouth and Ellington Silver Prize Band, Ellington Colliery Band (to 2005)

Nostell Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Crofton Silver Band

Oakdale Colliery Band (Monmouthshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Oakdale Silver Band

Oakdale Silver Band (Monmouthshire)

[current band] - Founded in the 1920s - Former names: Oakdale Colliery Band

Oakenshaw Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in 1899, and still active in 1931

Ollerton Colliery Silver Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active from the 1930s to the 1950s.

- Ormonde Colliery Band** (Derbyshire)
Active in 1940s
- Ouston "E" Pit Band** (Durham)
See: Birtley Ouston Pit Colliery Band
- Ouston Colliery Band** (Durham)
Active in the 1900s. May have had some connection with Birtley St Joseph.
There was also a Birtley and Ouston Band
- Oxcroft Colliery Band** (Derbyshire)
Active in the 1900s and 1910s
- Parkfield Colliery Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
Active in 1863
- Peak Dale Colliery Band** (Derbyshire)
Active in 1912, 1913
- Pease West Colliery Band (1)** (Crook, Durham)
See: Wooley Colliery Band
- Pease West Colliery Band (2)** (Crook, Durham)
Formed in 1898 at Jobs Hill Colliery. Name taken from one of the colliery owners, Mr Joseph Pease. Still active in the mid 1920s. Conductor J. Mudd in 1899
- Pegswood Colliery Band** (Morpeth, Northumberland)
Formed in the 1890s. Conductor James Hardy in 1905. Later known as Pegswood Brass. Folded in 2000.
- Pelaw Colliery Band** (Durham)
See: Wardley Colliery Brass Band
- Pelton Colliery Brass Band** (Durham)
Active in 1875 to the mid-1970s. Also known as Pelton Institute Band, Pelton Fell Workmen's Band. Conductor Mr Roddam in 1875, J. Brown in 1879, A. Hogg in 1883, J. Bowman in 1900
- Pelton Fell Colliery Band** (Durham)
See: Pelton Colliery Brass Band
- Pelton Fell Workmen's Band** (Durham)
See: Pelton Colliery Brass Band
- Penallta Colliery Band** (Hengoed, Glamorgan)
Active in the 1920s. Still active in 1991 when the Pennallta mine closed.
- Penrhiw and Maritime Colliery Band** (Pen-y-rhiw, Glamorgan)
See: Penrhiw Brass Band
- Penrhiw Brass Band** (Pen-y-rhiw, Glamorgan)
Active in 1892 through to the 1910s. Conductor Mr Norton in 1893-1897. The band belonged to the Penrhiw Colliery, near Pontypridd
- Penrhiw Colliery Band** (Pen-y-rhiw, Glamorgan)
See: Penrhiw Brass Band
- Penshaw Colliery Brass Band (1)** (Durham)
Active in 1875
- Penshaw Colliery Brass Band (2)** (Durham)
Formed in the 1890s
- Pensher Colliery Brass Band** (Durham)
See: Penshaw Colliery Brass Band
- Penygroes Silver Band** (Pen-y-groes, Carmarthenshire)
Active from the mid-1880s to WW2. Later known as Emlyn Colliery Brass Band,

- Philadelphia Colliery Band** (Washington, Durham)
Active in the 1930s to 1950s
- Pinxton Colliery Band** (Derbyshire)
Active in 1880 through to the early 1900s. Conductor R. France in 1902
- Platt Brothers Moston Colliery Band** (Lancashire)
See: Platt's Moston Colliery Band
- Platt's Moston Colliery Band** (Moston, Lancashire)
Active in the 1930s and 1940s
- Plean Colliery Band** (Stirlingshire)
See: East Plean Colliery Band
- Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band** (Derbyshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Pleasley Welfare Band
- Pleasley Welfare Band** (Derbyshire)
[current band] - Founded in 1883, conductor J. Neale - Former names: Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band - Note: Another source quotes the band's formation as 1897, it competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s and the Spondon Contest of 1926
- Plymouth Colliery Brass Band** (Troedyrhiw, Glamorgan)
Founded in 1892, active to the 1910s. Conductor Ford D. Jones in 1907
- Point of Ayr Colliery Band** (Talacre, Flintshire)
The band was formed in 1967 after the closure of the Llay Main Colliery. The instruments were transported to Point of Ayr, where local people formed a band. During the 1970s, the band rose up through the sections winning many first prizes at prestigious contests. In 1981 Championship status was attained (the equivalent of football's Premier League), and at the first attempt, the band qualified for the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall, London. Point of Ayr retained it's Championship status up to the year 2000. The band folded in 2010. The band was variously also known as: Point of Ayr Colliery (EIMCO) Band, Point of Ayr Colliery (Powergen) Band, and Talacre Beach Caravan Park Band.
- Poolsbrook Miners Welfare Band** (Derbyshire)
See: Poolsbrook Wesleyan Brass Band
- Poolsbrook Wesleyan Brass Band** (Derbyshire)
Formed in 1908, secretary and treasurer, George W. Thompson. Active in the 1920s and 1930s. In the 1930s it threw off the allegiance to the Wesleyan church and became a village band. In the late 1930s it became the Staveley Company's Ireland Colliery Ambulance Band. See also: Ireland Colliery Band
- Pope and Pearson Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Altofts and Normanton Brass Band
- Powell's Tillery Colliery Band** (Abertillery, Monmouthshire)
See: Tillery Collieries Band
- Powerfuel Hatfield Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Hatfield Colliery Band
- Prestongrange Colliery Band** (Prestonpans, East Lothian)
Active in the 1920s
- Prestonlinks Colliery Band** (Prestonpans, East Lothian)
See: Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band
- Princess Royal Colliery Band** (Bream, Gloucestershire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Bream Silver Band
- Prudhoe Colliery Band** (Northumberland)
Formed in the 1900s and did not survive beyond 1914

Quaker House Colliery Band (Wigan, Lancashire)

See: Standish Brass Band (2)

Quarter Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in 1887. Associated with the local colliery. It presented a box to Mrs Blair in 1892. Still active in 1901. Conductor Alexander Bell, soprano cornet Peter Herford, and 1st trombone John Cox in 1900. Players in 1901 included John Andrews (trombone), John Hodge (cornet). George Cornforth in 1908

Quarter Colliery Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Quarter Brass Band

Quebec and Hamsteels Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Hamsteels Colliery Band

R.J.B Brass (Harworth, Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Harworth Brass

Radcliffe Colliery Band (1) (Northumberland)

Active in 1877, conductor James Bailer, secretary Robert Wood. Still active in 1896. Conductor William Foster, secretary George Davidson in 1885. Conductor W. Gillon in 1892, R. Bennett in 1895. After it disbanded the Amble and Radcliffe Brass Band became known as Radcliffe Colliery Band

Radcliffe Colliery Band (2) (Northumberland)

See: Amble and Radcliffe Brass Band

Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band (Somerset)

Founded in January 1881, bandmaster Mr. Clark. Still active in 1886

Radstock Coal Company Brass Band (Somerset)

See: Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band

Ravensworth Colliery Band (Kibblesworth, Durham)

Formed in the 1890s. Disbanded in the 1960s

Redheugh Colliery Band (Gateshead, Durham)

Formed in the 1880s, but folded in the late 1920s. Conductor John Martin in 1909

Reg Vardy Band (Stanley, Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1910 - Former names: Craghead Colliery Band (to 1968), Every Ready GB Band, Berec Ever Ready Band, Ever Ready Band (to 2004), Reg Vardy Band (to 2016)

Renishaw and Oxcroft Collieries Band (Derbyshire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Renishaw United and Oxcroft Collieries Band (Derbyshire)

See: Renishaw and Oxcroft Collieries Band

Risca North Colliery Band (Monmouthshire)

Formed in 1871, with William Palmer as bandmaster. The colliery itself was only opened that year and continued to produce coal until 1963. Some of its members went on to found the Crosskeys Prize Band in 1902

Rising Sun Colliery Band (Wallsend, Northumberland)

See: Wallsend Colliery Band

RMT Easington Colliery Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Easington Colliery Band

RMT Silksworth Band (Silksworth, Durham)

See: Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band

Rockingham Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: Wharnccliffe Silkstone Colliery Band (to 1905), Rockingham Colliery Band (to mid-1920s), Wharnccliffe Silkstone Colliery Band (to late 1960s), Osbourne Rockingham

- Band, W Harrison Transport (Rockingham) Band. Secretary T. Goulding in 1895. Officers in 1905 were secretary Harry Smith, treasurer W. Montague, president H. Mitchell, bandmaster J. Boothroyd
- Rockingham Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Rockingham Band
- Rosedale Miners' Brass Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
 Active in 1873
- Rosewell Miners' Brass Band** (Midlothian)
 Active in 1894
- Rossington Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Records of the band from 1922-1931 are held by the Lincolnshire Archives. Known as Rossington Colliery Welfare Silver Prize Band in 1959, and later known as Polypipe (Rossington) Band. Also known as: Rossington Colliery (Perry's) Band, Rossington Colliery (Plas Vent) Band, Rossington Colliery (Pozament) Band, and Rossington Main Colliery Band. The band folded around 2000.
- Rossington Main Colliery Welfare Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Rossington Colliery Band
- Rotherham Main Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Canklow Brass Band
- Rough Lea Colliery Band** (Hunwick, Durham)
 Formed in the 1890s and still active in the 1920s
- Royston Colliery Prize Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1900s
- Royston New Monckton Colliery Institute Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Formed in 1945, conductor William Foster. Active to the mid-1960s. It competed in the Senior Trophy in 1962, conducted by J Armstrong.
- Rufford Colliery Band** (Rainworth, Nottinghamshire)
- Ryhope Colliery Brass Band (1)** (Durham)
 Active in 1867, conductor John Curry. Still active in 1898, but probably folded before or during WW1. Conductor Mr Hogg in 1881. Bandmaster Richard Blackburn in 1882. George William Carlton, 27, miner, a member of the band, was killed while walking along the Hartlepool railway line at Ryhope in 1879. His musical instrument was found a hundred yards further up the line.
- Ryhope Colliery Brass Band (2)** (Durham)
 Formed in 1921. In the 1980s changed its name for a period to Echo Ryhope Colliery Band with sponsorship from the Sunderland Echo newspaper. It had folded by 2000.
- Ryhope Miners' Brass Band** (Durham)
See: Ryhope Colliery Brass Band (1)
- Sacriston Colliery Band (1)** (Durham)
 Founded in May 1873, when the colliery owners presented a full set of instruments to the colliers. Active through to 1939. Probably folded thenabouts. Conductor J. Kell in 1902. A successor band was formed in 1967. Harry Huber was a member around 1905.
- Sacriston Colliery Band (2)** (Durham)
[previous name of current band] - see: Craghead Colliery Band
- Scremerston Colliery Brass Band** (Northumberland)
 Active in 1885

Seaham Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1880

Seaton Burn Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Formed in January 1867, conductor T.S. Watson. Played for the cutting of the sod at a new colliery at Dinnington in August 1867. Conductor J. Watkin in 1870, G. Halden in 1870-1878. Still active in 1884

Seaton Delaval Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Formed in the 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band (Ashington, Northumberland)

Formed in 1906. Later known as North Seaton Colliery Band and North Seaton Workmen's Prize Band. Still active in 1960.

Seghill Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active in the 1890s. Amalgamated with Beamish Colliery Band around 1907.

Senghenydd Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Founded around 1890. Active through to 1913. Also known as Universal Colliery Brass Band. Conductor Mr Miller in 1897, Jim Woodhead in 1900-1906. On 14 October 1913 an explosion ripped through the mine workings at Senghenydd Colliery. The disaster claimed the lives of 439 miners and one rescuer. Included in the fatalities were 14 of the 24 members of the Senghenydd Colliery Band, which had competed at the Crystal Palace only a few weeks before. One of its competitor bands, Cambridge Town Band, organised a fund raising concert in November to aid the miners' relief fund. The colliery was also known as Universal Colliery

Senghenydd Colliery Band (Glamorgan)

See: Senghenydd Brass Band

Shankhouse Colliery Band (Cramlington, Northumberland)

Active from the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor Mr Potts in 1862, Robert Gillies in 1862-1865

Sharlston Colliery (Mobil) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sharlston Colliery Band

Sharlston Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1980s. Merged with Yorkshire Evening Post Band, but then disbanded in 2002

Shelton Colliery Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1854

Sherburn Hill Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1890s, folded in the 1960s. Conductor Mr Kell in 1900

Sherwood Forest Brass (Mansfield, Nottinghamshire)

[current band] - Founded in 2000 - Former names: Thoresby Colliery Youth Brass Band

Shilbottle Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Formed in 1891

Shipley Colliery Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Shirebrook Miners' Welfare Brass Band (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Shirebrook Miners' Welfare Unison Band

Shirebrook Miners' Welfare Unison Band (Derbyshire)

[current band] - Founded in October 1903, as Shirebrook Adult School Brass Band, conductor J. Levick, initially with hired instruments until £30 was raised allowing the purchase of £207 worth of instruments from Messrs

Hawkes of London. - Former names: Shirebrook Adult School Band (to WW1), Shirebrook Silver Prize Band (to 1949), Shirebrook Miners' Welfare Brass Band - Note: Shirebrook Silver Prize Band (Mansfield) was active in the 1950s

Shireoaks Colliery Band (Nottinghamshire)
Active from the 1900s to the 1950s. Ernest Tuttle appointed conductor in October 1949

Shirland Colliery Band (Derbyshire)
Founded in summer 1881, conductor Isaac Booth

Shirland Miners Welfare Silver Band (Derbyshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Shirland Welfare Band

Shirland Welfare Band (Derbyshire)
[current band] - Founded in 1998 - Former names: Shirland Miners Welfare Silver Band

Shotton Colliery Band (1) (Durham)
Formed around 1902, probably disbanded at/during WW1

Shotton Colliery Band (2) (Durham)
Founded in 1920, disbanded in 1972. Also known as Shotton Model Silver Band. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by W. F. Buckley.

Shotton Colliery Band (3) (Durham)
Reformed in 1981 and disbanded around 1995

Shotton Colliery Good Templar Brass Band (Durham)
See: Shotton Good Templar Brass Band

Shotton Good Templar Brass Band (Durham)
Active in 1874 to 1889

Silksworth Colliery Band (1) (Durham)
Active in 1877

Silksworth Colliery Band (2) (Durham)
See: Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band

Silverhill Colliery Band (Skegby, Nottinghamshire)
Active around 1900. One member at that time was George Hawksley.

Silverwood Colliery Band (Thrybergh, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Formed in May 1909. Folded in the late 1960s

Skinningrove Miners' Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))
Active from the 1870s to the late 1940s. Conductor Mr Frankland in 1875, J.J. Parsons in 1881, John Hugill in 1892, Thomas Martin in 1898, William Lewis and George Brown in 1900. Bandmaster Mr Layman in 1906. Also known as Loftus/Lofthouse Brass Band, Loftus Mines Brass Band. The mines were operated by Pease & Partners

Slater's New Haden (Colliery) Band (Brookhouses, Staffordshire)
See: New Haden Colliery Silver Band

Sleetburn Colliery Band (Willington, Durham)
Formed in 1891 as brass and reed band, converting to all brass by 1894. Later known as Sleetburn Model Band, New Brancepeth Colliery Band (after 1902). Active through to the 1950s. In 1899 members included J.W. Calvert (cornet), Mr Calvert sen. (bandmaster), F. Filer (secretary), George Meek (euphonium), Thomas Meek (tenor horn)

Snibston and Desford Colliery (NWDLC) Band (Leicestershire)
See: South Leicester and Desford 'B' Miners Welfare Band

Snibston and Desford Colliery Band (1) (Leicestershire)
See: William Davis Construction Group Band

Snibston and Desford Colliery Band (2) (Leicestershire)

See: South Leicester and Desford 'B' Miners Welfare Band

Snibston Colliery Band (Leicestershire)

See: William Davis Construction Group Band

Snowdown Colliery Welfare Band (Kent)

[current band] - Founded in 1929 - Note: First engagement 29th June 1929

South Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Band (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Gresley Colliery Band

South Derwent Brass Band (Annfield Plain, Durham)

Formed in 1871, still active in the 1930s. Conductor J. Cassell in 1873, R.H. Cooper in 1899, A. Snowdon in 1890, R. Humble in 1908

South Derwent Colliery Band (Annfield Plain, Durham)

See: South Derwent Brass Band

South Kirkby Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded as a subscription brass band in 1895 - South Kirkby Colliery Brass Band, secretary J.G. Bulmer, with an initial stake of £5 12s. Active to the 1930s. Bandmaster W.H. Dykes in 1906. Known as Hemsworth and South Kirkby Public Subscription Band in the 1930s

South Kirkby Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: South Kirkby Brass Band

South Leicester and Desford 'B' Miners Welfare Band (Snibston, Leicestershire)

Formed in the late 1970s, renamed Snibston and Desford Colliery Band around 1990. Also known as Snibston and Desford Colliery (NWDLC) Band. It folded around 2008.

South Leicester Colliery Band (Ellistown, Leicestershire)

Active in the 1960s to early 1970s, conductor H. Essex.

South Medomsley Colliery Band (Dipton, Durham)

Active in the 1920s

South Moor Colliery Silver Band (Durham)

Formed in 1892. Won the "Grand Shield" in the Crystal Palace Championships of September 28th 1907, and achieved 3rd place in the National Championships, behind Irwell Colliery and Marsden Colliery Bands in 1925, under the baton of Joe Dyson. Folded in the 1960s

South Pelaw Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in the 1900s and 1910s. It promoted a contest at Chester-le-Street in August 1910.

South Yorkshire Caravans Dinnington Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Dinnington Colliery Brass Band

Spa Wood Miners' Brass Band (Guisborough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in 1900. The Spa Wood mine produced ironstone from the 1850s to the 1920s

Speedwell Colliery Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in the early 1880s. Amalgamated with the Berry Hill Temperance Band to form Berry Hill Silver Band in 1911.

Springhill Miners' Brass Band (Springside, Ayrshire)

Active in 1864

St Austell Miners' Saxtuba Band (Cornwall)

See: St Austell Saxtuba Brass Band

St Austell Saxtuba Brass Band (Cornwall)

Active in 1852, 1858

St Hilda Colliery Band (South Shields, Durham)

Formed in 1869 by John Dennison of the 3rd Durham Artillery Volunteers Band, at the request of a group of miners, under the name of St Hilda Colliery Brass Band. In the early years the band was also known at times as, "Dennison Family Brass Band" (1883), "Dennison's Borough Band", and "South Shields Borough Band" (from 1888). Financial help was obtained from the St Hilda Miners' Lodge in 1905 and the band was renamed St Hilda Colliery Silver Band, appointing JA Greenwood as its conductor - the first of several professional conductors to lead the band to the very top. Contest successes prior to the First World War and thereafter in the early 1920s demonstrated their position as one of the leading bands of the day. When the colliery closed in 1925 the band continued under the name of St Hilda Band, but with the members relying on the engagements and contest wins for their living. This resulted in them being barred from contesting as a "professional" band. Members of the band in 1927 were: Wilfred Biggs, trombone; A. Matthews, Eb bass; George Swift, cornet; John T. Taylor, Bb bass; Jack Waggett, drums; Elijah Brown, solo trombone; Andy Brown, solo horn; Sid Grieves, 1st horn; John Burton, Eb bass; James Dawson, soprano cornet; Joseph Lee, repiano cornet; E. Forster, cornet; P.J. Hunt, Bb bass; John Brennan, solo baritone; W. Oughton, solo cornet; T. Brennan, solo euphonium; P. Southern, charabanc driver; H. Bradley, cornet; R. Hutchinson, baritone; G. Oliver, 2nd cornet; W. Wood, 2nd horn. After ten years as a professional band St Hilda's Band folded at the end of 1937. William Oley was a trimmer and played euphonium in the band. [Further information - see: Anon - History of St Hilda's Band - 1926; Anon - St Hilda's Band, Premier Band of England - 1935; Helme, Chris - The legendary St Hilda Colliery Band - British Bandsman - (5739) 13-Oct 2012, pp. 28-29; Hume, J Ord - Souvenir of St Hilda's Band - 1929; Hume, J Ord & Zealley, James- History of St Hilda's Band - Royal Silver Jubilee 1935 - 1935]

St Hilda Colliery Band (2) (South Shields, Durham)

Another band was formed in 1930, achieving success at several local contests, but was disbanded 1940

St Hilda Colliery Juvenile Band (South Shields, Durham)

Active in 1878. Conductor R. Dennison in 1879

Staffordshire Band (Staffordshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Walsall Wood Institute Temperance Band (to 1920s), Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band, Walsall Home Guard Band (during WW2), Aldridge Town Band, Aldridge Brownhills Brass Band (1966), Walsall Metropolitan Band (1975), Walsall Servis Band (1980), Walsall Highgate Band (1983), C.I.Group Brass (1988), Staffordshire Building Society Band (1993-1998)

Standish Brass Band (2) (Lancashire)

Formed on 21 July 1873 as a village band by the name of Crooke Brass Band, bandmaster Richard Fairhurst. A subsequent bandmaster was Thomas Fairhurst (his brother), followed later by another brother, Peter Fairhurst). Crooke is a small village about 2.5 miles to the north-east of Wigan. Conductor Peter Fairhurst in 1889-1901, John Rutter in 1901. Chairman Henry Marrow in 1894. Players in 1900 included William Hancock, Tom Stonehouse, James Ellingworth, James Holland and William Gaskell. In 1902 the band owned a

donkey, value £2 - which was stolen by James Shaw, a collier, after it had been left to graze on the land of Peter Liptrot, a farmer at Gathurst . Following WW2 it was reformed as Crooke Miners Welfare Band in 1950. As Wigan Collieries closed down, the Band again changed names to Kirkless (NCB) Band. In 1987 it became the Quaker House Colliery Band. In 1990, the mine closed and with it went the sponsorship and Standish Band came into being. It merged with the Coppull Subscription Band in 2005 to form the Coppull and Standish Band.

Stanley Colliery Band (West Stanley, Durham)

Active in the 1890s and still active in 1938

Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band (1) (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1895. Known as Stanley Band (to 1947), Newmarket Colliery Stanley Band, and later, Newmarket Colliery Band. Another source quotes "This village band started with its headquarters in a room above a stable at the rear of an ale house known as the Miners Arms. It was situated on the corner of Lee Moor Road. The band started as a string and bass in the year 1889. Mrs Walker of Lofthouse has a photograph which shows her father, Mr W. Goldthorpe, and her uncle, Mr N. Goldthorpe, along with other band members A. Colley, T. Field, F. Holgate, W. Clarke, A. Whitam, J. Ward, J. T. Seaton, A. Field, W. H. Sampson, A. Savage and G. Lunn. The conductor was Mr L. Turner. For 100 years the band has had some members in it from the Holgate family. At one time there were 14 members of the family playing various instruments in the band. Iris Holgate (daughter of conductor Percy Holgate) competed with the band, aged 15, at the Crystal Palace in September 1936. Special mention must be made of Fred, a son of one of the founders. Fred started playing in the band when he was 12 years of age and was still playing after he had celebrated, with his fellow members, the band's centenary. The band played at Crystal Palace at the 30th anniversary of the Great National Band Festival on 26th September 1936." The band stopped contesting in 2005 and folded in 2011. A successor band was formed in 2013.

Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band (2) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 2013

Stanton Colliery Brass Band (Newhall, Derbyshire)

Active in 1867, conductor T. Rolfe

Stanton Hill Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1883. Conductor Amos Caunt in 1883, Isaac Parkin in 1886. Still active in 1929

Stanton Hill Colliery Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Stanton Hill Brass Band

Stella Collieries Workman's Band (Durham)

Active in the 1900s and folded after WW1. Stella Company owned several collieries near Durham.

Stoneyburn and District Collieries Band (West Lothian)

See: Stoneyburn Brass Band

Stoneyburn Brass Band (West Lothian)

For a mining community to be without a band was unthinkable, and so, in September 1923 a meeting was held in Paton's Picture Palace to consider the formation of a brass band. Joseph Colquhoun chaired the meeting and it was agreed that a band should be formed. A committee was set up with Mr George McDougal as President, Messer's Alex Geddes and Hugh Crawford as Vice-Presidents, John Paton as Secretary and John Murphy as Treasurer. It was

proposed that, in order to start raising money for the venture, all the miners were to be asked if they were willing to have a penny deducted from their wages each week. This was agreed, even by the men who came from Blackburn to work in the 'Foulshie'. By November of that year enough money had been raised to get the band started even though they had to hire their instruments. Their first big public appearance was, when as Stoneyburn Brass Band, they proudly led the Gala Procession in July 1924. This band continued to play for many years, apart from the war years, giving pleasure to many and winning several competitions on the way. It was referred to by various names over the years, the Public Band, the Silver Band, the Colliery Band or The Stoneyburn and District Public Brass Band. It was finally disbanded in the early 1960's, and its instruments were handed over to the West Calder Band. Over the years the band had many outstanding conductors, the first being a Mr Wardrope. In 1927 the post was given to a Mr Robert Gillies from Fife and the following year a Mr Williamson took over. Over the next twenty years there is no information about the conductors, but in 1949 a Mr Kirsley was the leader. Played at the Loganlea Gala, Addiewell, Midlothian in 1949. The band was still active into the early 1960s.

Stoneyburn Colliery Band (West Lothian)

See: Stoneyburn Brass Band

Submarine Miners (Royal Engineers) Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Middlesbrough Model Brass Band

Submarine Miners Brass Band (Dundee, Angus)

Active in 1892

Sunniside Colliery Band (Tow Law, Durham)

Folded after WW2

Sunny Brow Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Sunnybrow Colliery Band

Sunnybrow Colliery Band (Willington, Durham)

Founded in the 1890s. Still active in 1943. Folded during or shortly after WW2. Also known as Willington Colliery Band.

Sutton Manor Colliery Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Swanwick Collieries Band (Derbyshire)

Active from 1901 to WW2. Conducted from 1926 by Edward P. Snook, b. 1888, who had been a highly regarded bandmaster in the Royal Marines. Known as Swanwick Collieries Silver Prize Band in 1914

Swanwick Colliery Band (Derbyshire)

See: Swanwick Collieries Band

Taff Merthyr Colliery Band (Glamorgan)

Active in the 1930s

Tanfield Lea Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the mid-1880s, folded in the 1950s. Obtained a new set of silver-plated instruments in August 1891 costing £300.

Tannochside Colliery Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in 1901, 1902

Tees Division Submarine Miners' Volunteer Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Middlesbrough Model Brass Band

Tees Royal Engineers Submarine Miners' Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Middlesbrough Model Brass Band

Teversal Colliery Band (1) (Nottinghamshire)

Formed in 1901 but fell upon hard times and folded before 1914

Teversal Colliery Band (2) (Nottinghamshire)

Formed in 1916 by the manager of Stanton Ironworks Co., C.W. Tagg, the conductor being J.T. Parkes. Still active in 1936, by which time it had won prizes to the value of £1,000

Teversal Colliery Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Blidworth Welfare Band

Thoresby Colliery Band (Nottinghamshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1948 - Former names: Thoresby Colliery Welfare Band, Thoresby Colliery Welfare (Dosco) Band, Thoresby RJB Band. *[Further information - see: Anon - Stars Of Sherwood (history of Thoresby Colliery Welfare Band)]*

Thoresby Colliery Welfare (Dosco) Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Thoresby Colliery Band

Thoresby Colliery Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Thoresby Colliery Band

Thoresby Colliery Youth Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Sherwood Forest Brass

Thoresby RJB Band (Nottinghamshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Thoresby Colliery Band

Thornaby Colliery Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active in 1889

Thorne Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1927, the first conductor was Mr. P. Stapleton (formerly conductor of the East Yorkshire Band). In 1950 the conductor was T. Richard, secretary T.L. Sellars. Held a slow melody contest in 1964. Still active in 1967

Thornhill Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in late 1875 or early 1876. In March 1876 there were 16 players with instruments costing £90, but it was planned to increase the numbers to 23 and purchase another £50 of instruments. Known as Thornhill Prize Brass Band in 1913. Also known as Home Charm Paints Thornhill Band. Merged with Tingley Band in 1994 to form Tingley Thornhill Band.

Thornhill Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Thornhill Brass Band

Thornley Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Trimdon Concert Brass

Throckley Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Founded in the 1890s, but folded during/after WW1. Conductor J. Hedley in the late 1890s

Throckley Workmen's Band (Northumberland)

See: Throckley Colliery Band

Thurcroft Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Thurcroft Welfare Band

Thurcroft Welfare Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1947 - Former names: Thurcroft Main Colliery Band

Tibshelf Colliery Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1875 through to the 1920s

Tillery Collieries Band (Abertillery, Monmouthshire)

Active in the 1890s to the 1910s. It came third in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. John Griffiths, in 1894. Isaac Carter played trombone in the band in 1899

Tinsley Park Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in February 1867, conductor Mr Howard. First public appearance in August 1867. Active to the 1900s. Bandmaster George Burgin from 1870 to 1900. Conductors, John Brooke in 1883, Frank Burgin in 1885-1895, John Jubb in 1889, Mr Marrison in 1892, John Brooke in 1896, Frank Burgin in 1901

Tinsley Park Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Tinsley Park Brass Band

Tow Law Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in 1860. Still active in 1872. Conductor James Mackintosh in 1867

Townhill Miners' Brass Band (Fife)

Active in 1894

Trafalgar Colliery Band (Lydbrook, Gloucestershire)

Active from 1867 (it may have formed before 1866). It merged with Lydbrook Excelsior Band in 1905, retaining the Trafalgar name (sometimes known as Lydbrook Trafalgar Brass Band). Conductor Daniel Pogson in 1868-77, Alfred Chivers in 1877, Mr Williams in 1881, T. Morgan in 1887-1891, A. Wilce in 1896-1905. Principal cornet Stephen Craen in 1874. Merged with other bands in 1923 to form Lydbrook Silver Band.

Treeton Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1891 to 1895. Conductor Stephen Gilbert in 1894

Trehafod Rechabites Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Founded in 1893. Conductor D. Williams in 1897, Morgan Emmanuel in 1898. Became Lewis Merthyr Colliery Temperance Band a few years later when it received support from the Lewis Merthyr Colliery. Around that time it changed from an all-brass band to a military type band. Also known as Lewis Merthyr Silver Band. Folded briefly in 1904

Treherbert Brass (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Formed as Glenrhondda Colliery Band in 1890 by miners from the colliery. In 1917 it rehearsed at the Conservative Club, Station Street, Treherbert. Conductor Fred Prior in 1955, Evan Richards in 1965. In 1966 the colliery closed and the band was renamed Upper Rhondda Brass Band, then Treherbert and District Silver Band. Around 2013 it ceased being an all brass band and became a brass/wind ensemble briefly before becoming a symphonic brass ensemble, known as Treherbert Brass

Trimdon Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Active from 1861 to the 1930s. Conductor Robert Arkless in 1869

Trimdon Concert Brass (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1870 - Former names: Thornley Colliery Brass Band - Note: Rumoured to have been the first Band to have had Durham Brass Band League Membership. During the early 1990's membership of the band declined to an all time low. In a desperate attempt to survive it was decided to relocate a few miles down the road to Trimdon, where the majority of the remaining players came from. The community of Trimdon welcomed the band with open arms and continue to support them

- Tudhoe Colliery Brass Band** (Durham)
Active in the 1870s
- Tudhoe Grange Colliery Band** (Durham)
See: Tudhoe Colliery Brass Band
- Twizwell Colliery Band** (Grange Villa, Durham)
Formed in the 1890s, disbanded in the 1930s
- Tylorstown and Mardy Colliery Band** (Glamorgan)
[previous name of current band] - see: Tylorstown Brass Band (2)
- Tylorstown Brass Band (2)** (Glamorgan)
[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Tylorstown & District Silver Band, Tylorstown & Mardy Colliery Band (1978-1995), Tylorstown (Valley Lines) Brass Band, Tylorstown Band Arriva Trains Wales (to 2008)
- Tyne Submarine Engineers' Brass Band** (South Shields, Durham)
Active in 1888, 1889
- Tyne Submarine Miners Royal Engineer Volunteers Brass Band** (South Shields, Durham)
See: Tyne Submarine Engineers' Brass Band
- Universal Colliery Band** (Senghenydd, Glamorgan)
See: Senghenydd Brass Band
- Upleatham Miners' Saxhorn Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
Founded in 1875. Still active in 1888. Conductor B. Beever in 1876-1883. Took 4th prize at a contest at South Bank, Middlesbrough in 1877. Folded before the successor band formed in the 1890s
- Upleatham Mines Brass Band (1)** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Upleatham Miners' Saxhorn Band
- Upleatham Mines Brass Band (2)** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
Formed around 1892, folded with the colliery around 1924
- Upton Colliery Workpeoples Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Formed around 1937/38 and wound up in 1976. Qualified for the National Finals on four out of five years in the late 60's, and early 70's and rose from the 4th to 2nd section during this time. Just being pipped to promotion to the then 1st section by Brodsworth Colliery Band. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.
- Urpeth Colliery Band** (Beamish, Durham)
Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1933
- Ushaw Moor Colliery Band** (Durham)
Formed in the 1890s
- Usworth Colliery Band (1)** (Durham)
Active in 1862, folded some time in the 1880s. Conductor William Watson in 1881
- Usworth Colliery Band (2)** (Durham)
Formed in the 1890s and still active after WW2. Conductor Mr Usher in 1904, Henry Creswell from 1913 to 1932 - who had started his banding career at the age of 7, playing in Pontefract Borough Band, in 1879. The band was "broken up" in August 1932, and the instruments, 28 in number, cost about £600, were collected pending a decision to sell. However it must have had a stay of execution, because it was clearly active and playing again by August 1933.
- Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band** (Durham)
See: Crookhall Colliery Band
- Walbottle Colliery Brass Band** (Northumberland)
Active in 1858 to 1869. Conductor C.A. Halpin in 1867.

Waldridge Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1861. Conductor Thomas Parker in 1864. Linked to the local colliery.
Also known as Waldridge Royal Brass Band. Still active in 1866

Waldridge Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

See: Waldridge Brass Band

Wallridge Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Founded in late 1859, conductor J.W. Lawrence. Still active in 1860

Wallsend Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Formed in 1900. Conductor T. Henderson in 1901. Still active in the mid-1970s, also known as the Rising Sun Colliery Band (Rising Sun pit at Wallsend). Adopted by the borough in 1905 and thereafter known as Wallsend Borough Band

Wallsend Miners' Institute Brass Band (Northumberland)

See: Wallsend Colliery Band

Wallsend United Collieries Band (Northumberland)

See: Wallsend Colliery Band

Walsall Wood Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Active from the mid-1870s to WW1. Conductor George Farley in 1884, Levi Hood in 1908-1917

Walsall Wood Colliery Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Walsall Wood Brass Band

Wansbeck's Ashington Colliery Band (Northumberland)

[current band] - Founded in 1906 - Former names: Ashington Public Band, North Seaton Colliery Band (1930), Ashington Colliery Band (1961), - Note: Formed in October 1906

Wardley Colliery Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1888 through to the late 1950s. Conductor George Perry in 1899, Mr Ritchie in 1906. Also known as Pelaw Colliery Band. In September 1937 the band was on its way to the Alexandra Palace to compete in the National Finals contest, when its coach was in collision with a lorry on the Barnet by-pass at South Mimms. Six bandsmen were injured. The band in the 1950s included: E. Langston, J. Lamb, W. Coxon, T. Lisgo, G. Gage, L. Cummings, S. Robson, H. Whittle snr., T. Stearman, M. Fenwick, R. Dinning, H. Whittle jnr., W. Martingale, N. Lisgo jnr., H. Cusack, N. Lisgo (bandmaster), R. Cullin and A. Cullin.

Warsop Main Colliery Brass Band (Warsop Vale, Nottinghamshire)

Active in the 1930s

Washington Brotherhood Band (Durham)

Founded in 1923 as a temperance band, and later known as Washington Colliery Band (or Washington F Pit Band) up to 1968, Washington Glebe Colliery Band, then Washington Welfare Band, led by Tyneside danceband leader George Rowell. Despite the closure of the Washington Glebe Colliery in 1972, band members had soldiered on and were determined to keep the music alive. Memorable events in the '70s were: Gaining promotion to the Championship section, Winning Section B contest at Northumberland Miner's Picnic for about 8 years in succession, Taking part in CISWO finals at Blackpool year after year, Visiting Belgium and Germany, Playing throughout England and Scotland in clubs and other venues under the name of "the Washington Showband", Making a commercial for Vaux Breweries, Taking part in Tyne Tees drama productions, Playing for Royal visits to the area, Playing for President Carter's visit to Washington Village. George Rowell died

1972, at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool. Washington Welfare was taking part in the CISWO contest, and as the band proceeded to take the stage, George collapsed and died. The band took the stage, and Gordon Kitto MBE, well known conductor of Thornley Coll. Band, came from the audience and conducted the band for it's contest performance, never having conducted band beforehand. Playing in the band was George's son Ray, and his brother Harry. The band completed it's performance and was awarded 2nd prize, an amazing result under the circumstances. The band competed in championship finals in London and Blackpool and won the trophy at the Bedlington Miners' Picnic in Northumberland eight years in a row. In 1997 they were finally forced to disband because of lack of funding and interest. A successor band was formed in 2007.

Washington Colliery Brass Band (1) (Durham)

Active in 1884, conductor William Wilson. Still active in 1889. Conductor Mr Pickering in 1889

Washington Colliery Brass Band (2) (Durham)

See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Washington F Pit Band (Durham)

See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Washington Glebe Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Waterhouses Institute Brass Band (Durham)

Active in the mid-1890s. Advertising for solo trombone and baritone players in 1898 - with the offer of work found as coke fillers (single men preferred). Still active in 1902

Waterhouses Miners' Institute Brass Band (Durham)

See: Waterhouses Institute Brass Band

Wearmouth Colliery Band (1) (Sunderland, Durham)

Active in 1892 to the 1930s

Wearmouth Colliery Band (2) (Durham)

See: Hylton Colliery Brass Band (2)

Wearmouth Miners' Brass Band (Sunderland, Durham)

See: Wearmouth Colliery Band (1)

Webster Dinnington Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Dinnington Colliery Brass Band

Welbeck Colliery Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active from the 1920s to 1940.

Wellesley Colliery Band (Fife)

Formed in 1919 and in 1920 they competed at their first competition in Methil where they took 3rd prize. In 1921 they won first prize at the open championships in Bathgate and took the cup for the best third section band. Promoted to second section in 1926 Wellesley had a run of bad luck that took them back down to third section. William Pegg was bandmaster in 1927. By 1930 at Stirling under George Hawkins they won the third section and were back up to the second section. It seemed Mr Hawkins gave the band the confidence they needed and they were promoted in 1934 at Leith to the championship section. By now they were progressing as a programme band and were asked to play at the empire exhibition in Glasgow. They won the Fife championships 1938, 1939 and 1940. In 1944 they won the Scottish championship and were runners up the following year. 1947 and yet another great result, first prize at the miners gala day in Edinburgh entitling them to

compete at the miners festival in London representing Scotland. The band in 1955 consisted of: Conductor: Albert E. Badrick; Soprano: A. Fairfull; Solo Cornet: T. Millar, D. Herriot, D. Tully, J. Thomson; Repiano Cornet: D. Paton; 2nd Cornet: R. Higgins, W. Mitchell; 3rd Cornet: G. Gillies; Flugel: A. Ewing; Solo Horn: J. Goodfellow; 1st Horn: R. Wright; 2nd Horn: J. Gilmour; 1st Baritone: A. McKenzie; 2nd Baritone: W. Kilgour; Euphonium: G. Armitt, M. Cunningham; 1st Trombone: R. Johnston; 2nd Trombone: A. Robertson; Bass Trombone: A. Smith; Eb Bass: T. Neil, R. Ross; BBb Bass: J. Peggie, J. Robertson; Secretary: Thomas Millar. Their finest hour was in 1964 when they won the second section daily herald British brass band championships in London. The band ceased to exist in 1976 when the remaining players amalgamated with the Buckhaven Town Band, to form the current Buckhaven and Methil Miners Band.

Wernos Colliery and District Silver Band (Carmarthenshire)

Active in the 1960s

West Cramlington Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1883, conductor John Dunn. Secretary John McPherson in 1885. Still active in 1896

West Pelton Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in the 1950s

West Riding Collieries Brass Band (Normanton, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1884

West Sleekburn Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in the 1870s and the 1880s. Conductor Robert Curley in 1880, James Cutter in 1884. Secretary Robert Curley in 1873, James Turnbull in 1880, George Bell in 1884

West Wylam Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Active from 1874. Still active in 1892. Conductor W. Stoves in 1879, G. Cowing in 1883

Westoe Brass Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1890 - Former names: Tyne Dock Temperance Band (1890-1911), Harton Colliery Band, Harton and Westoe Colliery Band, Westoe Colliery Band (1985), Westoe (STHCT) Band (1993-2006) - Note: In 1911 Harton Colliery adopted the players of the Tyne Dock Temperance Band to form Harton Colliery Band. It became one of the finest bands in the country and won the British Open in 1919, the first colliery band to do so. It maintained its leading position for 25 years. until, in 1984, the miner's strike helped to precipitate its downfall and at one time the strike brought down the number in the band to only three and local school children were recruited to keep the practices going. Previously the Westoe colliery had re-opened and as the Harton and Westoe Colliery Band it continued until 1968 when, with the closure of Harton Colliery, it dropped the name Harton from its title. The end of the band was feared when the Westoe Colliery closed in 1991 but the determination of its members kept it going until 1993 when the South Tyneside Health Care Trust came to its rescue as a sponsor by providing rehearsal facilities for them, and they in turn provided fund-raising concerts for the benefit of hospital patients.

Westoe Colliery Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Westoe Brass Band

Westwood Colliery Band (Durham)

Active in 1910s to 1930s. It submitted plans for a new bandroom at High Westwood in 1932

Wharnccliffe Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Rockingham Band

Wharnccliffe Silkstone Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Rockingham Band

Wharnccliffe Woodmoor Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from 1919 to 1929

Wheatley Hill Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1890s. Conductor Mr Carlton in 1894. Robert Walker was the bandmaster in the 1920s and received an ebony and silver baton from the Wheatley Hill Workmans Social Club in 1922. "As with other mining villages, Wheatley Hill has a Brass Band, which was formed as far back as the year 1900. An amusing incident concerning the band is the tale of its drum being in prison. It was in the early 1900's. The band was playing away somewhere, some of the bandsmen had too much to drink and the drummer and drum got separated. The drum landed up at Thornley Police Station for the night. On another occasion the band went to the Durham Miner's Gala and the drummer lost his drumsticks. As the band could not begin its march home without a drummer, someone suggested using a beer bottle, so thanks to a beer bottle the band played its way out of Durham City and back home." In 1919, Edward Kitto, the Wheatley Hill bandmaster, wrote accepting the invitation for the band to play in the procession on Peace Day; he promised the loan of his mother's copper tea urn and requested that the band should not be placed near the pit ponies in the procession as they had injured some of the band two years previously. 1968 - "Although the pit officially closes today, the Lodge banner has not been laid up. Tomorrow with the Wheatley Hill Miners' Lodge Band, it will head the procession at the Easington Divisional Labour Party May Day demonstration." The band folded in the late 1960s

Whickham Brass Band (2) (Durham)

Formed in the 1900s. "On Saturday July 18th 1914 the Swalwell Co-op celebrated its Jubilee in Axwell Park. A procession from the village headed by Whickham Brass Band started the proceedings at 2.30pm. Tea was provided and various games were played." Probably disbanded in the 1930s

Whickham Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Whickham Brass Band (2)

Whitburn Band (West Lothian)

[current band] - Founded in 1870 - Former names: Whitburn Town Band (to 1940s), Whitburn Miners Welfare Band (to 1963), Whitburn Burgh Band, Murray International Whitburn Band, Exchange Communications Whitburn Band (2010-2012), and Whitburn Band. Robert Muir was drummer and librarian of the band when he emigrated to Pennsylvania in March 1902

Whitburn Colliery Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1890s but folded in the early 1900s

Whitburn Miners Welfare Band (West Lothian)

[previous name of current band] - see: Whitburn Band

White Leas Colliery Brass Band (Roddymoor, Durham)

Active in the 1870s. Some of its members took Christopher Smith to court in 1873 to recover 10 quineas, the cost of a drum, which was broken by his horse

and cart running away, citing negligence. The judge, however, ruled that the band were negligent in carrying banners on the public highway.

Whitehaven Colliery Brass Band (Cumberland)

Founded in November 1896, with a complete set of new Besson instruments.

First public appearance on Saturday 12th December 1896

Whitehaven Miners' Brass Band (Cumberland)

Founded in 1857, conductor George Hunt. Still active in 1889. A successor band was formed in 1896

Whitfield Colliery Prize Band (Audley, Staffordshire)

Active in 1924

Whitwell Brass Band (2) (Derbyshire)

Formed in the mid-1920s, supported by the Colliery and conducted by Mr. Waiters until about 1936. Also known as Whitwell Colliery Brass Band. A successor band was formed around 1946.

Whitwell Brass Band (3) (Derbyshire)

Reformed in 1946 under conductor Mr. West, at the Middle Club and in 1950, under the CISWO, moved to the Miner's Welfare with conductors J. Harrison and J. Bright. Folded around 1963. A successor band (the current Whitwell Band) was reformed in the mid-1960s under Wilf Wheatley.

Whitwell Brass Band (4) (Derbyshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Old Whitwell Village Band, Whitwell Temperance Band, Whitwell Colliery Band, Whitwell Colliery Miners Welfare Band - Note: A brass band was first known in the village in the 1860s. During the 1920's the British Legion Band was formed with headquarters at the George Inn. The Whitwell Silver Prize Band followed, supported by the Colliery and conducted by Mr. Waiters until about 1936. The band was reformed under conductor Mr. West, at the Middle Club and in 1950, under the CISWO, moved to the Miner's Welfare with conductors J. Harrison and J. Bright. Early in the 1960's the band was reformed under Wilf Wheatley and the present conductor, Dennis Wheatley, took over in 1970.

Whitwell Colliery Brass Band (1) (Derbyshire)

See: Whitwell Brass Band (3)

Whitwell Colliery Brass Band (2) (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Whitwell Brass Band (4)

Whitwell Colliery Miners Welfare Band (1) (Derbyshire)

See: Whitwell Brass Band (3)

Whitwell Colliery Miners Welfare Band (2) (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Whitwell Brass Band (4)

Whitwick Colliery Brass Band (Leicestershire)

Active from the 1860s. Still active in 1897. Conductor Thomas Rolfe Cosgrove in 1866, T. Clay in 1875-1889. John Scarisbrook was a member for many years until his death in 1894. Contemporary with the Whitwick Town Brass Band

Whitwick Company's Brass Band (Leicestershire)

See: Whitwick Colliery Brass Band

Whitwood Colliery Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1870s to the 1920s

Whitworth Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Whitworth Park Colliery Band

Whitworth Park Colliery Band (Spennymoor, Durham)

Active in the 1840s to the 1880s. Conductor Mr Bluett in 1859

Widdrington Colliery Brass Band (Northumberland)

Active in 1875. Still active in 1880. Conductor James Mordue in 1877, John Ledgerwood in 1880. Secretary Joseph Thompson in 1877, John Turnbull in 1880

William Davis Construction Group Band (Leicestershire)

Formed in 1863 as the Snibston Colliery Band, later known as the Coalville Ebenezer Band, Ebenezer Chapel Band, Coalville Coronation Band, and Snibston Colliery Silver Prize Band from 1924. In 1970 it became sponsored by the Loughborough based building firm, William Davis Construction Group. From this time the band were permanently in the Championship Section and a regular competitor at the Open, National and All England Masters. Hard times in the building industry led to a series of lay offs for the workforce of William Davis and the axe inevitably fell on the sponsorship of the band in 1996. The band continued unsponsored for a further year or so under the name of the Markfield Band, the village location of its band room, but failure to attract a full band led to its demise after the Midlands Area contest in 1997.

Willington Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Sunnybrow Colliery Band

Willington Temperance Band (Durham)

Formed in 1860, renamed Willington Silver Prize Band in 1891, Brancepeth Colliery Band in 1922 and Brancepeth Welfare Band in 1976. Merged with Aycliffe Brass Band in 1994 to form the new Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band. "Gresford", the famous miners' anthem, was first played by the Brancepeth Colliery Band at the Durham Miners' Gala of 1938. The composer, Robert Saint, a former miner, came from Hebburn-on-Tyne, and he conducted the massed bands of 10 collieries in the Galas of 1947 and 1948. Their 1908 season ended in fifteen prize titles and winnings of over £36

Windlestone Colliery Band (Chilton, Durham)

Active in the 1910s to 1930s

Windsor Colliery Workmen's Silver Band (Abertridwr, Glamorgan)

Formed 1903 as Aber Valley Band, then became the Windsor Colliery Silver Band in 1917. Its original conductor was Jim Radcliffe. He was followed by Morgan Jeremiah who conducted the band at their first successful competition, at St. John's in Cardiff, winning first prize. The music performed was from *Iolanthe*. The band was also successful at the Daily Herald National Area Competition, held at Llanelli, winning the premier award in their class. Other notable members of the band included George Simms, Tom Pitten, Jack Williams, Sam and George Adams, Bill Evans, Will Davis and Fred Creece. Tudor Llewellyn played the cornet to perfection even though he had lost his hearing. Sam Jones and his son Emlyn also gave great service to the Windsor Band. Glyn, another son, was active in the band until the 1930s when he joined the Enniskillen band. Another Abertridwr family with a long association with the band was the Hazell family. Another conductor of the band at one time was Harold Laycock, the famous trombone player. The last conductor of the band was Fred Hazel. When the Windsor Colliery closed in the early 1970s, all the miners were transferred to Bedwas Colliery and the instruments followed them. They subsequently started a band which in later years became the Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Band.

Windy Nook Temperance Band (Durham)

Founded around 1860 - when Windy Nook was a small village of about 500 residents. The band rehearsed in the Ebenezer New Connexion Methodist

Chapel in the village on a Tuesday night and they were regularly admonished for spitting on the chapel floor! Competed at a contest in Jesmond Dene in May 1869, conductor R. Hymers, playing the set march "Scotch March" and "Massa's in the Cold Ground". It also competed with 9 other bands, including St Hilda Colliery and West Wylam, in a contest at Windy Nook in summer 1874. The band was renamed Felling Colliery Silver Band some time before 1900. It was still active in 1924

Wingate Colliery Band (Durham)

See: Wingate Grange Band

Wingate Grange Band (Durham)

Formed in the 1850s, associated with the Wingate Grange Colliery. Conductor Mr Harris in 1880. Later known as Wingate Colliery Band (1891), Wingate Silver Model Band, and Wingate Colliery Band again up to the 1960s. The band, around 1910, included: Bob Gelson, Jack Griffiths, Nichol Proudlock, Arthur Black, Alec Watson, Alf Croft, Herbert Gelson, Bob Harrison, Bill Watson, Dobson Ede, Harry Cunliffe, Bill Gelson, Bill Watson (father), Bob Catchpole, Jackie Pearson, Mr Purvis, Harry Faulder, Bernard Devine, John T. Gilchrist, Jim "Barney" Bryson, Sam Lorrison, Gott Hamilton, Percy Gill, Jack Gelson, Jack Purvis, Bob Hewison, and Bob Davison (landlord of Queen's Hotel).

Winning Colliery Band (Blackwell, Derbyshire)

See: Blackwell and B Winning Colliery Band

Wollaton Colliery Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1892. Still active in 1905. Secretary G.H. James in 1899. Conductor Mr Walters in 1893, H. Toynton in 1899-1904.

Wombwell Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1859 to 1869

Wombwell Temperance Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1893. Conductor Amos Bastow in 1904. In 1906 it became Houghton Main Colliery Band, in which guise it remained active through to the 1980s. Known as Wombwell and Houghton United Brass Band during WW1, and Darfield District Band in its latter years.

Woodhorn Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Formed in March 1950, the band folded in the late 1970s prior to the pit closing in 1981. The instruments were passed on to the Ashington Colliery Band, which also inherited the Woodhorn Band's wooden practice hut - sadly burned down by vandals in July 2005.

Woodland Colliery Band (Durham)

Active from the mid-1870s to the 1930s. Conductor A. Pattinson in 1878, Thomas Wood in 1879-1880, Thomas Moore in 1881. Leader Thomas Moore in 1880. Members in 1924 included: Owen Doyle, Herbert Morton, Bob Wade, Joe Minto, Jack Teasdale, Bob Moore, Bert Moore, Jack Alderson, Tot Waller, Frank Waller, Rupert Blackett, Bill Teasdale, Bob Appleby, Jack Waller, Fearon Brown, Joe Race, and Ernest Moore - bandmaster was Mr Teasdale.

Wooley Colliery (Pease West) Brass Band (Crook, Durham)

See: Wooley Colliery Band

Wooley Colliery Band (Crook, Durham)

Active in 1872 to the early 1890s. Conductor G.W. Richardson in 1875. Also known as Wooley Colliery (Pease West) Brass Band. A successor band was formed in 1898

Woolley Colliery Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1950s and 1960s. The band was accused in 1953 of poaching players from Skelmanthorpe Silver Band. Geoffrey Hirst (soprano cornet), Peter Fretwell (principal cornet) and Bobby Whittles (principal euphonium) took jobs at the colliery. Followed soon after by Stewart Ferguson (principal trombone) and Ernest Wood (principal horn). Only Mr Hirst and Mr Wood had any mining experience. The band did then shortly after win the CISWO Yorkshire contest - so the new players obviously made a difference!

Worksop Miners Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1832 - Former names: Worksop Brass Band, Worksop Borough Band, Worksop Town Band. Conductor Charles Coupe in 1863, F. Pressley in 1886-1900

Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr) (Denbighshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1905 as Rhos Revival Band by the merger of Rhos Brass Band and Rhos Excelsior Band. Former names: Rhos Brass Band, Rhos Prize Silver Band, Hafod Colliery Band, Hafod Welfare Band, Rhos and District Silver Band (1968-2000), Wrexham Brass, Wrexham Brass NEWI

Wylam Colliery Band (Northumberland)

Founded in 1850 and was supported by the colliery owners, the Blackett family, and also by subscription. Still active in 1863. It was administered by a committee comprising the colliery viewer (manager), the master of the band and a nominee of 'the subscribers of five shillings and upwards per annum'. The band met at 8 p.m. each Saturday evening for practice and performed in the village square on the first Thursday in the month.

Ynyshir and Wattstown Colliery Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Ynyshir Band

Ynyshir Band (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1946 - Former names: Ynyshir and Wattstown Colliery Band, Ynyshir Welfare Band, Ynyshir (Stacks of Tiles) Band (1999)

Ynyshir Standard Colliery Silver Band (Glamorgan)

Formed in 1898 as the Ynyshir Drum and Fife Band, became associated with the Ynyshir Colliery and converted to a brass band. Bandmaster Mr Kemp in 1905. It may have disbanded in 1906, to be revived in 1908. Later adopting Tý Mawr into its name, in 1920 it won the South Wales and Monmouthshire Championship Shield and the Royal National Eisteddford at Barry. It disbanded at the start of the Second World War. A successor band (originally a youth band) was formed in 1946.

Yorkshire Main Band (Goldthorpe, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band

Yorkshire Main Colliery Band (Goldthorpe, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed after World War 1. Still active in the mid 1990s. Also known as Ceramia Goldthorpe Colliery Band, Goldthorpe (Ceramia) Band, Edlington N.U.M. Silver Prize Band.

Yorkshire Main Goldthorpe Colliery Band (Goldthorpe, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band

Mining – iron, tin, lead, clay & other materials



Verdin Adelaide Band, 1922

British Goldfields Brass Band (Dolgellau, Merioneth)

Active in 1897

Devon Great Consols Brass Band (Tavistock, Devon)

Founded in 1864, instructor Mr Purton, conductor Captain Cock. Still active in 1900. Based at the mine operated by the Devonshire Great Consolidated Copper Mining Company. Originally a copper mine from 1844, it produced arsenic from the 1870s when copper production ceased. Conductor Mr Westlake in 1892

East Pool and Agar Mine Brass Band (Pool, Cornwall)

Active in 1917. The mine produced copper and tin

Eston Mines Brass Band (Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding))

Active from 1864 to the 1920s. Took part in the ceremony to lay the foundation stones of the Normanby Methodist Church on Saturday June 30th, 1900. Secretary Charles Shaw in 1888. Conductor C.H. Kay in the 1890s

Garnkirk Fire Clay Works Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in 1870, 1871. Instruments provided by H.D.Douglas & Son, 26 Brunswick Street, off Trongate, Glasgow

Llannerch-y-mor Lead Works Brass Band (Flintshire)

Active in 1870

Park Mines Brass Band (Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire)

Active in the late 1860s. Conductor Mr Stephenson in 1871, when it amalgamated with the Dalton Bread and Treacle Band to form Dalton Town Brass Band

Roughdale's Brass Band (St Helens, Lancashire)

See: Roughdale's Fire Clay Company Brass Band

Roughdale's Fire Clay Company Brass Band (St Helens, Lancashire)

Active in 1881, conductor George Beesley. Still active in 1897

Stank Mines Brass Band (Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire)

Active in 1884 to the 1890s. Its bandroom was destroyed in a gale in 1894

Salt Union Ltd. (Winsford Works) Band (Cheshire)

Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Verdin Adelaide Band (Northwich, Cheshire)

Active from the mid-1880s to the 1920s. Associated with the Adelaide rock mine, Marston. The band was founded by the Poole brothers Tom, Walter, Jesse, and Fred, with members of the Mellor family from Pickmere. Conductor James Bostock in 1891

Verdin Winsford Works Band (Cheshire)

Active in 1889

Weston Point Salt Union Band (Runcorn, Cheshire)

Active in 1899 to the 1910s. Conductor G. Robinson in 1902

Weston Point Works Band (Runcorn, Cheshire)

See: Weston Point Salt Union Band

Quarrying, stone & construction materials



Threlkeld Granite Quarry Temperance Brass Band

Aberllefenni Brass Band (Merioneth)

Active from the mid-1890s to WW1. Conductor W. Williams in 1896.
Associated with the local slate quarries

Aberllefenni Quarries Brass Band (Merioneth)

See: Aberllefenni Brass Band

Arlesey Brass Band (Bedfordshire)

Active in 1887 as Arlesey Portland Cement Company Brass Band. Rehearsed in the Arlesley Working Mens' Institute in 1898. Still active in 1939. In 1890 the band became associated with the 1st Bedfordshire Rifle Volunteers - H Company, in addition to the Cement Company. Conductor James Dodgson in 1887-1899, Charles Dear in 1900-1904, James Dodgson in 1919.

Arlesey Cement Works Band (Bedfordshire)

See: Arlesey Brass Band

Arlesey Lime and Cement Works Band (Bedfordshire)

See: Arlesey Brass Band

Arlesey Portland Cement Company Brass Band (Bedfordshire)

See: Arlesey Brass Band

Ballyknockan Stonecutters' Brass Band (Wicklow)

Active in 1887 to 1905. Conductor Peter Walshe in 1887, J. McNerney in 1905. It was reorganised in 1893, with president Daniel McEloy, secretary Thomas M. Reilly, assistant secretary Christopher McEvoy, treasurer James Costelloe, drum-major Thomas Kelly. Later known as Ballyknockan Brass Band

Benthall Brass Band (Shropshire)

Active in 1862, attached to Maw and Company. Conductor S.L. Lover in 1863, F. Bevington in 1871-1876, Mr Hudson in 1878. Maw and Co. were tile makers in the Ironbridge gorge area, moving to the Benthall Works at Broseley in 1852. Still active in 1878

Benthall Works Brass Band (Shropshire)

See: Benthall Brass Band

Bethesda Slate Quarries Brass Band (Caernarfonshire)

Active in 1874

Black Quarry Brass Band (Springburn, Lanarkshire)

Active in 1872

Cambrian Slate Company's Brass Band (Glyn Ceiriog, Denbighshire)

See: New Cambrian Slate Quarry Brass Band

Chipping Sodbury Quarry Works Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

See: Sodbury Quarry Works Brass Band

Corris Quarries Brass Band (Merioneth)

Active in 1870, conductor Jeremiah Williams

Corwen Quarry Brass Band (Merioneth)

See: Penarth Slate Quarries Brass Band

Ferriby Quarry Brass Band (South Ferriby, Lincolnshire)

Active in the 1890s

Glyn Cambrian Slate Quarries Brass Band (Glyn Ceiriog, Denbighshire)

See: New Cambrian Slate Quarry Brass Band

Glyndyfrdwy Slate Quarry Brass Band (Merioneth)

Founded in 1871 by the quarry manager, E. Phillips

Kaye and Co. Cement Works Brass Band (Southam, Warwickshire)

See: Southam Works Brass Band

Lime and Cement Works Brass Band (Arlesey, Bedfordshire)

See: Arlesey Portland Cement Company Brass Band

Llanberis Quarry Brass Band (Caernarfonshire)

See: Llanrug Royal Brass Band

Llanrug Royal Brass Band (Caernarfonshire)

Formed in the early 1860s. Conductor Mr De Burgh in 1873. In 1871 it came under the patronage of the squire of the Vaynol Estate, who was also the owner of the Dinorwic Slate Quarry. and was given the new title of Royal Vaynol Brass Band. On March 23rd, 1873, the bandmaster's son, Robert, met with a serious accident in the quarry when he fell from the rock face over fifty feet, and later died. When the lady of Vaynol heard the news she bought a set of black uniforms for the band to attend the young quarryman's funeral, and a black ribbon was tied to each instrument. Won first prize in the Festiniog Eisteddfod brass band contest in 1884. When the quarrymen were unemployed during the 'lock-out' of 1885, an order was received from the Vaynol that all the instruments were to be returned immediately to Gilfach Ddu, Llanberis, for safe keeping while the men were out. The road to Llanberis was crowded with unemployed quarrymen, and the band was persuaded to play a march to cheer them up. As a result they lost the instruments for ever. The conductor at the time was an Englishman named Mr Tidswell, and he was paid a monthly wage of £10 from the quarry office. This was promptly stopped and he had to return to England to earn his living, the band folded then in 1885/1886. Robert Thomas (d. 1905, aged 87) was a member of the band for 54 years. A successor band, the Vaynol Royal Silver Band, was formed in 1888.

Maw and Co. Brass Band (Broseley, Shropshire)

See: Benthall Brass Band

Messrs J.B. White and Brothers' Brass Band (Swanscombe, Kent)

Active in 1864, conductor Mr Hewett. Still active in 1871. White's were cement manufacturers

Messrs Maw's Brass Band (Broseley, Shropshire)

See: Benthall Brass Band

New Cambrian Slate Quarry Brass Band (Glyn Ceiriog, Denbighshire)

Active in the mid-1870s. Conductor Daniel Burne in 1877, Evan S. Edwards in 1878-1879. Played at Vron, near Chirk in 1877, and contested at Wrexham in 1878. Still active in 1880

Oakeley Quarry Brass Band (Blaenau Festiniog, Merioneth)

[previous name of current band] - see: Royal Oakeley Silver Band

Penarth Slate Quarries Brass Band (Corwen, Merioneth)

Founded in January 1870, conductor T. Ellis. Still active in 1875

Penmachno Quarries Brass Band (Caernarfonshire)

Active in 1897. Still active in 1903. Possibly the same as the Machno Brass Band

Penrhyn Quarries Brass Band (Bethesda, Caernarfonshire)

Active in the late 1840s to the 1890s. Also known as Royal Penrhyn Brass Band or Pont Twr Brass Band. Conductor Mr Williams in 1878, Mr Martin in 1891. This band, with others, played on the Caernarvon Square when the Prince of Wales performed the ceremony of opening the waterworks and the fountain in 1868. The instruments were the property of Lord Penrhyn, but the drum belonged to the band members. When the quarrymen held their first Labour Festival (gwyl Lafur) in Caernarvon, all the bands (eight of them) came to town to support it. The relationship between the owners and the Quarrymen's Union at the time was rather strained and Lord Penrhyn refused the men permission to take the instruments to the big meeting. The quarrymen, however, were not discouraged, and they took the drum alone and proudly marched behind it through the streets of the town.

Queenborough Cement Works Band (Kent)

Active in 1902

Royal Oakeley Quarry Brass Band (Blaenau Festiniog, Merioneth)

[previous name of current band] - see: Royal Oakeley Silver Band

Royal Oakeley Silver Band (Blaenau Ffestiniog, Merioneth)

[current band] - Founded in 1864. Conductor Albert Wade in 1904-1905, J. E. Fidler in 1905-1908. Former names: Gwaenydd Brass Band, Gwaenydd Silver Band, {Royal} Oakeley Quarry Band. *[Further information - see: Wood, Trefor - Hanes Seinfarf Arian Y Royal Oakeley 1864-1989 - Royal Oakeley Silver Band, Llanrwst, 1989]*

Sodbury Quarry Works Brass Band (Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire)

Active in the 1920s

Southam Works Brass Band (Warwickshire)

Founded 1st June 1923, bandmaster L. Mumby. Still active in 1924. Belonging to the Kaye and Co. Lime and Cement Works.

Threlkeld Granite Quarry Temperance Brass Band (Cumberland)

See: Threlkeld Temperance Brass Band

Threlkeld Quarry Brass Band (Cumberland)

See: Threlkeld Temperance Brass Band

Threlkeld Temperance Brass Band (Cumberland)

Founded in 1890 in connection with the Threlkeld and Granite Quarry Temperance Society, conductor Joseph Birkett. Still active in 1891. First public appearance on Saturday 13th September 1890

White and Brothers' Brass Band (Swanscombe, Kent)

See: Messrs J.B. White and Brothers' Brass Band

White's Cement Works Brass Band (Swanscombe, Kent)

See: Messrs J.B. White and Brothers' Brass Band

Property & construction



Tarrant's Brass Band

Arthur Newsome Public Works Band (Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Burley and District Band

Asbestos Mills Brass Band (Harefield, Middlesex)

See: Harefield Asbestos Works Band

Asphaltic Newham Brass Band (Essex)

See: Grangewood Silver Band

Bell Inn Brass Band (Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire)

In the Autumn of 1980 a group of wayward juniors broke away from Cleobury Mortimer Silver Band and, with the backing of a local company, formed "The Bray Construction Band". This group of talented young players soon became a force to be reckoned with across the Midlands in a variety of competitions and festivals. In 1987 a new sponsor stepped forward in the form of Roger Gittens, landlord of "The Bell Inn" Cleobury Mortimer, who kindly provided the Band with a home for rehearsals, equipment storage and, perhaps more importantly, a friendly safe atmosphere in which to socialize. This was the start of a new phase with the introduction of more mature players, producing a blend of youth and experience, which is reflected in the present "Bell Inn Brass Band" of Cleobury Mortimer. The band folded in 2014

Blue Pits Brass Band (Castleton, Rochdale, Lancashire)

Active in 1869, attached to the British Timber Company at Bluepits

Bray Construction Band (Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire)

See: Bell Inn Brass Band

Brighton Operative Bricklayers Band (Sussex)

Active in 1901

Brighton Operative Plasterers Brass Band (Sussex)

Formed in January 1866, conductor Mr Still. Also known as the Plasterers' Band. Still active in 1877

British Timber Company Brass Band (Castleton, Rochdale, Lancashire)

See: Blue Pits Brass Band

Burley and District Band (Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1910 by Mary Chorley of Burley Woodhead, with William Ingham Warburton as conductor, initially using a shed in her garden. c. 1912 they rehearsed in Mary Chorley's barn at Burley Woodhead. In the 1914-18 war pretty much the entire band volunteered for the army. Twelve members lost their lives. In 1919 William Warburton, with the assistance of Mrs Mary Chorley, set about reforming the Burley Brass Band & called it the Burley Otley & District Brass Band. The members fundraised & bought new uniforms. In July 1926 at a ceremony in the Grange grounds in Burley in Wharfedale in front of the townsfolk & a number of dignitaries, Mrs Mary Chorley presented new silver plated instruments to the band members. Their cost was £505, a vast sum in those days, the money was again raised by the band themselves. The band was then known as the Burley Silver Band up to 1929, when it became sponsored by Arthur Newsome Ltd, who were road contractors and manufacturers of road materials - became Arthur Newsome's Public Works Band until 1934 when Arthur Newsome died. They reverted to Burley Otley & District Brass Band. Rehearsed in the Township School in Burley-in-Wharfedale. Also rehearsed in the Fellowship Room, a converted barn owned by Mrs Mary Chorley at Burley Woodhead. Renamed Burley and Ilkley Band in the 1940s. In the 1950s it was known as Burley & Ilkley Silver Prize Brass Band. They practiced in the old Township School in Burley in Wharfedale, on Wednesday nights & Sunday mornings. Members of the band at this time included: David Howe (tenor horn) & Howard Bancroft. The band folded in the early 1960s with the illness of William Warburton. He died in 1964. He'd been the conductor & driving force behind it for over 50 years.

Burley Works Band (Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Burley and District Band

Cafferata United Brass Band (Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire)

See: Cafferata's Brass Band

Cafferata's Brass Band (Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1905 to 1910 - linked to Cafferata and Company in Newark-on-Trent, which owned sypsum mines and made bricks and plaster. Conductor L. d'Ascanio in 1904-1905

Cafferata's United Band (Newark, Nottinghamshire)

See: Cafferata's Brass Band

Calvert Brickworks Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)

Active in the 1850s through to the 1900s. Conductor T. Holton in 1905

Chawley Brick Works Brass Band (Berkshire)

Active in 1922

Cliff's Brass Band (Wortley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Messrs Cliff and Son's Brass Band

Cubitt's Brass Band (London)

Active in 1866. William Cubitt & Co were contractors and property developers, responsible for much of the changing face of Victorian London

Flowers Band (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1965 - Former names: City of Gloucester Band, Flowers Band, Hawthorne Brewery Band, Message Maker (Gloucester) Band, Polysteel Band

Glascote Works Brass Band (Warwickshire)

Active in 1888, 1889. Associated with Gibbs and Canning's brick and clay works

Grangewood Silver Band (Essex)

Formed in the early 1900s. Later known as East London Brass Ensemble, East Ham Borough Band, East Ham Silver Band in 1946, when it was based at the local Technical College which employed the Musical Director as lecturer. Renamed East Ham Borough Band in the 1950's players were attracted from further afield, leading to considerable improvement. By 1958 it was setting significantly new standards for the area and qualified for the National Finals for the first time. Subsequently the Band participated in the finals on numerous occasions gaining two top six placings. Reorganisation of the London Boroughs in 1965, which amalgamated East Ham, West Ham and North Woolwich, led to the name being changed once more to the Newham Band - in early years of the change being known as Newham (East Ham) Band. It amalgamated with the Aveley Band in 1995, to form Aveley and Newham Band

Greenland's Brass Band (Frome, Somerset)

Active in 1869. A band formed by the workmen employed by E.A. Greenland, a builder in Frome.

Harefield Asbestos Works Band (Middlesex)

Founded in autumn 1892. First public concert on Saturday 3rd November 1894, at Goodlake Memorial Hall, West Hyde, conductor George Freestone. Still active in the 1900s. Formed by employees of the United Asbestos Company, which operated the asbestos mills in Harefield from 1882. W. Keen appointed conductor in 1899

Hepworth (Cookson Homes) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1882 - Former names: Hepworth Silver Band, Hepworth Silver Prize Band, Hepworth Band (to 2006), Hepworth (Lanson Homes) Band

Hepworth (Lanson Homes) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Hepworth (Cookson Homes) Band

Hosier and Dickinson Watford Band (Hertfordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Watford Band

Ipswich Brick Works Brass Band (Suffolk)

See: Messrs Rosher's Works Brass Band

Lucas Brothers Brass Band (Lowestoft, Suffolk)

See: South Wharf Brass Band

Marston Valley Band (Lidlington, Bedfordshire)

Records of the band, from 1951-56, are held at Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service. Linked to the local brick making industry. The

- band had a meteoric rise from the 4th Section to the Championship Section in successive years. Conductor George H. Crossland in 1954
- Marston Valley Brick Works Band** (Bedfordshire)
See: Marston Valley Band
- Messrs Box Brass Band** (Ardingly, Sussex)
 Active in 1884. The players were all employees of the builder and contractor G. Box
- Messrs Cliff and Son's Brass Band** (Wortley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1856. Joseph Cliff & Sons operated a Brick and Sanitary Tube works
- Messrs Lucas Brothers Brass Band** (Lowestoft, Suffolk)
See: South Wharf Brass Band
- Messrs Rosher's Works Brass Band** (Ipswich, Suffolk)
 Active in 1889 to 1891. F. Rosher and Company bought the failing of Grove Brick Yard in 1886 and embarked on a period of rapid expansion and change, manufacturing bricks and tiles. The firm was London based and directed similar enterprises at Blackfriars, Chelsea, Limehouse and at Sittingbourne in Kent. In Ipswich it had riverside premises at New Cut East.
- Midland Works Brass Band** (Leicestershire)
 Active in 1874, performing in Leicester. Possibly associated with the Midland Brick & Terra Cotta Co., at Coalville
- Newsome Works Band** (Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Arthur Newsome Public Works Band
- Operative Bricklayers' Brass Band** (Pimlico, Middlesex)
See: Pimlico Bricklayers' Brass Band
- Operative Masons' Brass Band** (Middlesex)
 Founded in 1875. Still active in 1882. Belonging to the society of trade masons in the city
- Parnall and Sons' Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
 Founded in 1882, conductor Charles Palmer. Still active in 1883. Consisted of joiners in the employ of Messrs Parnall & Sons Ltd, shop fitters, of Narrow Wine Street. In the 1880s it was the largest shop fitting company in England, going on to manufacture aircraft during WW1.
- Pimlico Bricklayers' Brass Band** (Middlesex)
 Active in 1892. Still active in 1896. The band of the Pimlico branch of the Operative Bricklayers' Society. Some of its members went on to form the Fulham Borough Band in 1895. The London Society of Operative Bricklayers was founded in 1848 and was an early trade union.
- Polysteel Band** (Gloucestershire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Flowers Band
- Port Sunlight Lyceum Brass** (Cheshire)
 [current band] - Founded in 1973 - Former names: Port Sunlight Old Boys Association, Tarmac Lyceum Brass Band - Note: The Band owes its origins to the Drum and Bugle Band of the First Port Sunlight Company of the Boy's Brigade. A brass band was formed in 1973 and ultimately its development resulted in the administration of the band being separated from the Brigade to be administered under its own right but with a close liaison with the Company
- Severn Tunnel Brass Band (1)** (Portskewett, Monmouthshire)
 Active in 1883, bandmaster George Palmer, conductor A.E. Kingsford. Still active in 1886. Based at the tunnel works in Portskewett. A successor band was formed in 1923

Shepherd Building Group Brass Band (York, Yorkshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1903 - Former names: York Cocoa Works Band, Rowntree's Cocoa Works Band, Rowntree Works Band, Rowntree Mackintosh Band, Rowntrees Band (to 2004) - Note: Formed from former members of the Groves Wesleyan Mission Band. [Further information - see: Anon - Cocoa Works Band - C.W.M. (Cocoa Works Magazine) - Spring 1961, p.29 - Rowntrees & Co., York; Lang, Sharon - 100 Years of Nestle Rowntree Band 1903-2003 - Shepherd Building Group Brass Band, York, 2005 - ISBN: 0954959205]

Skipton Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed around 1870 as Jack Guy's Skipton Mission Band, it reorganised and restarted in March 1902. Conductor Fred Metcalfe in 1905. Later named Skipton Prize Band in 1919, it disbanded in 2002. Also known as Skipton Town Band, Skipton Properties Band and PCA Skipton Brass Band. A successor band, Skipton Brass, was formed a few years later. In the late 1990s they rehearsed at Ermystead Grammar School in the main hall, and also in classroom next to the sports field. They had several conductors during their latter years including, Roy Waite, Howard Lorrman and Andrew Eastwood. In 2001 sponsorship was lost, also the rehearsal facilities, they became a non contesting band eventually finding the crypt of Christ Church as the new headquarters with Brian Anderson as their conductor.

Skipton Properties Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Skipton Brass Band

South Wharf Brass Band (Lowestoft, Suffolk)

Active in 1865. Still active in 1886. Conductor C. Widdows in 1877, R. Blackburn in 1879. Associated with Messrs Lucas Brothers Ltd - a well known building and construction company - building railways, docks, hotels, bridges etc.

Sovereign Brass (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1987 - Former names: Sovereign Brass (to 1994), Woolley Pritchard Sovereign Brass, Spal Sovereign Brass in 2017

Strata Brass (Hoyland, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Hoyland Town Band, Wards Brewery (Hoyland) Band, Ireland Alloys Band, Weaver Building Group Band

Tadley (Martin Grant Homes) Band (Hampshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Tadley Brass Band

Tadley (MGH) Band (Hampshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Tadley Brass Band

Tadley Brass Band (Hampshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1875. Conductor W. Saunders in 1878. Reorganised in 1890 by Albert Jacob - Former names: Tadley Gospel Temperance Band, Tadley Silver Band, Tadley Silver Prize Band, Tadley (MGH) Band. [Further information - see: Bell, C.J. - Tough churchmen founded Tadley's prize-winning band - Hampshire: the county magazine - 4(10), August 1964, pp. 39-30; Kimber, Ernie - My Story of the Tadley Band and my 75 years as a Bandsman - 1975]

Tarmac Lyceum Brass Band (Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Port Sunlight Lyceum Brass

Tarrant's Brass Band (Byfleet, Surrey)

Active in the 1900s to the 1920s, and closely associated with Tarrant's the builders in Byfleet. W.G. Tarrant had quite a business and built many houses in the area including many on St George's Hill. His yard stood in Chertsey Road and the site has recently been built over with new houses, which is quite an irony! Mr Tarrant seemed to be quite a character, and was involved with the invention of the Jim diving suit, the first articulated deep sea diving suit - the prototype of which was tested in a large tank in his yard. He was also involved with the Tarrant Tabor triplane, an ambitious project to build a long range bomber, which unfortunately crashed on its maiden take off.

United Asbestos Company Band (Harefield, Middlesex)

See: Harefield Asbestos Works Band

Walter Pledge Company Brass Band (East Grinstead, Sussex)

Active in 1891, conductor Henry Pocock. Still active in 1892. Walter Pledge was a builder, who had just completed the Half Moon Hotel at Hog's Hill in August 1891, and his firm's band accompanied the works outing (of some 160 people) to Crawley.

Walton Works Brass Band (Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex)

Active in 1886, conductor Mr Bailey. The works were owned by Donald Mackenzie & Sons, producing bricks

Watford Band (Hertfordshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: London and North Western Railway Band, L. and N.W. Artizan Staff Brass Band, Watford Artisan Silver Band, Watford Silver Prize Band, Watford Silver Prize and British Legion Band, Watford United Ex-Service Men's Band, Watford Silver Band, Hosier & Dickinson Watford Band (2003). Conductor J. Hutchinson and secretary A. Mead in 1898

Weaver Building Group Band (Hoyland, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Strata Brass

William Davis Construction Group Band (Leicestershire)

Formed in 1863 as the Snibston Colliery Band, later known as the Coalville Ebenezer Band, Ebenezer Chapel Band, Coalville Coronation Band, and Snibston Colliery Silver Prize Band from 1924. In 1970 it became sponsored by the Loughborough based building firm, William Davis Construction Group. From this time the band were permanently in the Championship Section and a regular competitor at the Open, National and All England Masters. Hard times in the building industry led to a series of lay offs for the workforce of William Davis and the axe inevitably fell on the sponsorship of the band in 1996. The band continued unsponsored for a further year or so under the name of the Markfield Band, the village location of its band room, but failure to attract a full band led to its demise after the Midlands Area contest in 1997.

Woolley Pritchard Sovereign Brass (Smethwick, Staffordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Sovereign Brass

Publishing & printing



Gresham Press Brass Band

Aylesbury Printers' Prize Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)

See: Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band

Aylesbury Printing Works Band (Buckinghamshire)

See: Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band

Aylesbury Victoria Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)

See: Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band

Baskerville Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in the early 1890s up to WW1. Associated with James Upton's Baskerville Printing Works in central Birmingham. Conductor George Towle in 1908

Broadheath Linotype Brass Band (Cheshire)

Founded in spring 1898 by some members who split from the Altrincham Borough Band. Conductor George Sidebotham in 1898-1902, W.H. Stripp in 1899. Open rivalry existed between the two bands, resulting in an affray in October 1898, when several bandsmen were "severely mauled". James Hoeter was one of these. Based at the Linotype works near Altrincham. Still active in 1904

Cambridge University Press Brass Band (Cambridgeshire)

Active in 1853. Formed from the men who worked at the press.

Carpenters' Hall Brass Band (Hoxton, Middlesex)

Founded in April 1864. Still active in 1880. The players were in the employ of Messrs Waterlow and Sons, conducted by Mr Hirst. In 1870 there were 19 performers, conducted by H. Oxenham

Clonard Print Works Brass Band (Belfast, County Antrim)

Active in 1859, bandmaster J.T. Ballard

de la Rue's Brass Band (St Luke's, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Thomas de la Rue and Co. Brass Band

Gresham Brass Band (Surrey)

Founded around 1902. Active in the early 1900s, based in Old Woking, at the printing works of Unwin Brothers. They are known to have played at events in Send village and it is likely that some of the players lived in Send in houses built by the company. There seem to have been about 18 players. There is an archive of Unwin Brothers at the Surrey History Centre in Woking which may have some further information.

Gresham Press Brass Band (Surrey)

See: Gresham Brass Band

Harrison's Printing Works Band (High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire)

Formed in 1936

Hazell Watson and Viney Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)

See: Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band

Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band (Buckinghamshire)

Band of Hazell, Watson and Viney Ltd. (printers and binders, Aylesbury and London). Made its first appearance in the town in 1887. Conductor H. Smith in 1889, B. Payne in 1894-1896, J. Ridgway in 1903, W. Smith in 1905. Known as Aylesbury Victoria (Printing Works) Brass Band in the early years. Active in 1890s through WW1 to the 1960s. Performed a broadcast on the National Programme from 6.45 to 7.30, Saturday evening, January 28th 1939. Some notes from Jan Unsworth - "My great grandfather, William Smith, was involved with Hazell's Printing Works Band for 40 years, 16 of those years he was Bandmaster, until his retirement in 1934, he was also an employee of Hazell's for 49 years. During his leadership the Band won many cups and trophies and gained success at leading band competitions. The outstanding achievement was in 1932 when, at Hanwell, they were placed second in the Championship section, and my great grandfather was awarded a gold medal as the best amateur conductor. Music was always the outstanding interest in his life. He had been the bandmaster of the Volunteers' Company Band, and the Bucks Territorials Band and, in the days of the Comrades' Orchestra, he acted as its conductor. His son, Aubrey Smith, my grandfather, was also a very talented man and played many instruments, trumpet, piano, accordian, drums, bugle, cornet, My grandfather also had his own band, Aubrey Smith's Dance Band, and continued playing with Hazell's Printing Works band after my great grandfathers death."

Henderson, Rait and Spalding Brass Band (Marylebone, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Henderson, Rait and Spalding Brass Band

Henderson's Printers' Brass Band (Marylebone, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Henderson, Rait and Spalding Brass Band

Heywood Ltd. Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Attached to the firm of John Heywood Ltd, publishers.

James Upton's Baskerville Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Baskerville Brass Band

John Waddington Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

Kilmarnock Printers' Operative Brass Band (Ayrshire)

Active in 1856, conductor Andrew Fyfe. Still active in 1863

Lancashire Life and Lake District Life Morecambe Brass Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Morecambe Brass Band

Lennox Mill Brass Band (Lennoxton, Stirlingshire)

Formed in 1850, disbanding in 1922. Conductor Mr Buchanan in 1890, David King in 1904. In its early years it rendered great assistance to the local printfield workers on strike by touring the country and raising funds. In the 1860s it associated itself with the local volunteer corps for a while.

Liverpool Press Guard Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1860s

Manchester Chronicle Employees Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

McCorquodale's Printing Works Brass Band (Wolverton, Buckinghamshire)

Founded in January 1893, conductor Mr Brooks. Active through the 1890s

Messrs Henderson, Rait and Spalding Brass Band (Marylebone, Middlesex)

Active in 1885. Henderson, Rait and Spalding were a type music printing company established by William Henderson, James Cossar Rait and Montague Spalding

Messrs Thomas de la Rue and Co. Brass Band (St Luke's, Middlesex)

Active in 1875. Bandmaster Thomas Bonnor in 1879. Still active in 1898. Conductor D. Stokes in 1882-1890. Thomas de la Rue were a firm of printers, known world-famous as bank-note printers. Their factory in the 1870s was in Bunhill Row

Messrs Virtue and Co. Brass Band (London (City))

Active in 1866, conductor Mr Shapcott. Virtue's were a printing and publishing house, based in City Road

Messrs Waterlow and Sons Brass Band (London (City))

See: Carpenters' Hall Brass Band

Miller and Richard's Brass Band (Edinburgh, Midlothian)

Active in 1884. Still active in 1905. Conductor W.A. Dalziel in 1896. Miller and Richard's were a world famous Edinburgh type foundry, supplying type to print firms all over the globe

Monotype Works Band (Redhill, Surrey)

Active in the 1940s and 1950s. The Monotype Band featured in a film made in 1958 of the Brockham Green Medieval Festival.

Newton Bank Print Works Brass Band (Hyde, Cheshire)

Active in 1858. The print works were operated by Messrs Tinker, Wright and Unsworth.

Norwich Argus Brass Band (Norfolk)

Active in 1870, consisting of 10 employees of the Norwich Argus newspaper

Odham's Press Band (London)

Formed in 1937 and originally conducted by George Thompson, latterly of Callenders Cable Works Band. Renamed The People Band (Odham's Press) around 1957, it folded in 1961. George's new band was only a few months old when he attended the first rehearsal. He quickly realised that, apart from a couple of half decent players, the rest were all learners. He later told writer Arthur R. Taylor, "It didn't help either that they were playing on instruments that were a load of rubbish". But George persevered and eventually they were playing a few scales at their lunchtime rehearsal room near Ludgate Circus. Within a year the band had come on in leaps and bounds, so much so that it was entered into its first contest at a small local event in Surrey and came away with a top three placing. However, during the war years the band had to curtail its activities owing to its members being called up for active war service. After the war, the band was reformed and carried on improving all the time. In 1952,

it won the London and Southern Counties Daily Herald Brass Band area contest second section and then repeated that success again the following year. Further successes followed. George Thompson, now Musical Director, had taken the band from nothing to being a championship section band. See "Whatever happened to Odhams Press Band?", by Chris Helme - British Bandsman, 5441, 27 January 2007, pp.8-9

Oldpark Print Works Brass Band (Belfast, County Antrim)

Active in 1871. The print works were owned by William Girdwood esq.

Oxford University Press Brass Band (Oxfordshire)

Founded in late 1853. Formed from the men who worked at the press. Still active in 1884

Thomas de la Rue's Brass Band (St Luke's, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Thomas de la Rue and Co. Brass Band

Upton's Baskerville Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

See: Baskerville Brass Band

Virtue and Co. Brass Band (London (City))

See: Messrs Virtue and Co. Brass Band

Waterlow and Sons Brass Band (London (City))

See: Carpenters' Hall Brass Band

Wolverton Printing Works Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)

See: McCorquodale's Printing Works Brass Band

Yorkshire Evening Post (Sharlston) Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

Yorkshire Evening Post Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed on 10th February 1856 by Richard Smith, as Leeds Model Band. There was a smaller brass band, part of the Leeds Model Band, called the Hearts of Oak Brass Band, which was active in 1862. In 1864 it came third in the British Open Championship. Conductor C. Ingledew from 1860 into the 1870s, when it was also known as Ingledew's Band, rehearsing at the William the Fourth Inn, Briggate, Leeds. Bandmaster William Jasper in 1876. It was later known as the Cameron Ironworks Band. One of its most successful periods was in the mid 1960s when in a three year period in seventeen contest appearances it won fifteen first prizes and two second prizes. In common with an increasing number of bands, in the 1970s it sought financial assistance through sponsorship to meet the dramatic rise in operating costs. This led to successful periods first as the John Waddington Band (the games manufacturers) and then as the Yorkshire Relish Band (within the Hammonds Sauce Group), before becoming associated with the Yorkshire Evening Post. The band merged with Sharlston Colliery Band around 2000, to form Yorkshire Evening Post (Sharlston) Band, but then disbanded in 2002.

Retail – co-operative



Stratford Co-operative Employees Band

Barnsley Co-operative Society Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the mid-1990s to around 2009

Brighton Co-operative Society Brass Band (Sussex)

Active in 1893

Burslem Co-operative Band (Staffordshire)

Formed after WW2 - active through the 1950s

C.W.S. (Manchester) Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Formed in 1900 as the CWS Tobacco Factory Band, changed to CWS (Manchester) Band in 1937. It became the City of Manchester Band in 1985, finally disbanding in 1993. A group of workers from the CWS Tobacco Factory in Manchester got together to form a band in 1900, one which quickly made a name for itself on the concert and contest circuit. In September 1901 Mr J C Cragg, the manager of the CWS tobacco factory, built the ad hoc band of his employees, stumped up £300 for some second hand instruments and made himself bandmaster. In 1931 the old Tobacco Band, conducted by J. A. Greenwood was awarded first prize at the Grand Shield Competition at the Crystal Palace. In 1946 the directors of the CWS changed its name to the CWS (Manchester) Band. On Sunday, 3rd April 1977, at the Preston Guild Hall, conducted by Trevor Walmsley DFC the band could only manage third place at the North West Area Contest, which ended a run of twenty four successive appearances at the national finals in London. In 1985 the C.W.S. Board of Directors decided that a brass band was not the image the Co-op wished to promote in the future and made the decision the band would cease to exist - for the record the last appearance of the band was at Dobcross Band Club on 31 March 1985, following which all instruments, music and uniforms were

handed back to the company. Much of the band memorabilia is still stored in CWS's New Century House, Manchester (including the library of music). Manchester City Council then took over the band which was renamed The City of Manchester Band, which finally folded in March 1993. [Further information - see: Franklin, Richard - CWS (Manchester) Band - part 1 - The Brass Herald - (31) December 2009, pp. 60-61; Franklin, Richard - CWS (Manchester) Band - part 2 - The Brass Herald - (32) February 2010, pp. 62-64]

Cambridge Co-operative Band (Cambridgeshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Cambridge Brass Band

City of Cambridge Brass Band (Cambridgeshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1927 as Cambridge Silver Band by the merger of Cambridge Town Band and Cambridge Albion Band. Later known as Cambridge Band of the British Legion, City of Cambridge Band, Cambridge Band, Cambridge Co-operative Band. - Note: "The Cambridge Albion Band and the Cambridge Town Band have decided to amalgamate and will be known in future as the Cambridge Silver Band. They proposed to buy a set of new triple silver-plated instruments made by Messrs Hawkes, London, with the now famous "Profundo" basses as played by the St Hilda Colliery Band. This would greatly improve the tonal qualities of the band; there was not another band in the Eastern counties with such instruments." (from the Cambridge News, January 1927)

Clacton-on-Sea Co-Operative Band (Essex)

[current band] - Founded in 1948 - Former names: Clacton Silver Band (to 1965), Clacton on Sea Band (to 1978)

Co-operation Band (Lanarkshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1918 - Former names: CWS (Glasgow) Band, Glasgow (CWS) Band, Scottish CWS Band, (to 2003), Scottish Co-op Band (to 2009), Co-operative Funeralcare Band to 2018. [Further information - see: Thompson, Bram - History of the Scottish Co-op Band; Thompson, WB - The CWS (Glasgow) Band - a short history - 2002]. The band in 1955 consisted of: Soprano: John Elliott; Solo Cornet: Willie Barr, James Taylor, William B. Stewart, Gilbert Watt, Durward Brown; Repiano Cornet: William Haddow; 2nd Cornet: James Megahy, Robert McKee; 3rd Cornet: William Barr; Flugel: Joseph Rigby; Solo Horn: William B. Thompson; 1st Horn: Charles M. Thompson; 2nd Horn: William Humphrey; 1st Baritone: Robert Nairn; 2nd Baritone: James Macmillan; Euphonium: Willie Robb, Alexander C. Ritchie; 1st Trombone: James Carruthers; 2nd Trombone: John Arnott; Bass Trombone: Robert Arnott; Eb Bass: Alex Auld, Archibald Wilson; BBb Bass: Harry Masters, Harry Peckham; Secretary: William Barr

Co-operative Funeralcare Band North West (Crewe, Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: TCTC Group Band

Co-operative Society Prize Band (Burslem and District) (Staffordshire)

Formed in 1884 as a military band, transformed to all brass in 1920 and renamed Longton Town Band until change of name to Co-op in 1946

Co-operative Wholesale Society's Factory Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in 1901 to 1907. This was the Tobacco Factory.

Co-operative Yorkshire Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Co-operatives Band

Crewe Brass (Cheshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1989 - Former names: South Cheshire Young Brass, Normid 2000 Band (to 1998), United Norwest 2000 Brass (to 2005), United Co-op 2000 Brass, United Co-op 2000 Community Brass Band (to 2011)

Croydon Brass Band (2) (Surrey)

[current band] - Founded in 1911 - Former names: Croydon Temperance Brass Band, Croydon Borough Band (1920), Croydon Co-op Brass Band (1977-1998)

CWS (Glasgow) Band (Lanarkshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Co-operation Band

CWS (Manchester) Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Dungarvan Bakers' Co-operative Society Brass Band (Waterford)

See: Dungarvan Operative Bakers' Brass Band

Dungarvan Operative Bakers' Brass Band (Waterford)

Active in 1880, 1881

East London Brass (Essex)

[current band] - Founded in 1909 - Former names: Walthamstow Temperance Band, Walthamstow Borough Band (1933), L.C.S. Waltham Forest Band (1970s), Walthamstow Silver Band, Waltham Forest Co-op Band (1981-2001). [Further information - see: Anon - Walthamstow Temperance Prize Band - Family Tree Magazine - 10(4), p43]

Enfield Brass Band (2) (Middlesex)

[current band] - Founded in 1949 - Former names: North Middlesex Silver Band (to 1966), Enfield Brass Band, Enfield Co-op Band (1977-2000), Enfield Whitewebbs Museum Brass (2000 to 2006) - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of Enfield Town Silver Prize Band and North Middlesex Silver Band.

Fulham Co-operative Band (Middlesex)

Active in the early 1900s, conductor Mr Bailey

Glasgow Co-operative Bakery Band (Lanarkshire)

See: U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band

Glasgow United Co-operative Baking Society Brass Band (Clydebank, Dunbartonshire)

See: U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band

Gloucester Co-operative Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in 1893

Haverhill Co-operative Silver Band (Suffolk)

[previous name of current band] - see: Haverhill Silver Band

Haverhill Silver Band (Suffolk)

[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Haverhill Co-operative Silver Band - Note: Formed by the merger of members of the pre WW1 Haverhill Oddfellows and Shepherds bands

Ipswich and Norwich Co-op Band (Suffolk)

[current band] - Founded in 1982 - Former names: Connells Sounding Brass (to 1992), Ipswich Co-op Band (to 2002)

Ipswich Co-op Band (Suffolk)

[previous name of current band] - see: Ipswich and Norwich Co-op Band

Irchester Co-operative Society Brass Band (Northamptonshire)

Founded in late 1902. Still active in 1905. First public concert on Sunday 12 April 1903. Conductor J.K. Skinner in 1902, Jess Riddle in 1905.

L.C.S. Waltham Forest Band (Essex)
[previous name of current band] - see: East London Brass

Leicestershire Co-op Snibston Charnwood Brass (Leicestershire)
 [current band] - Founded in 1999 - Former names: Merger of Leicestershire Co-operative (South Midlands Welfare) Band and Charnwood Brass

Leicestershire Co-operative (SMW) Band (Snibston, Leicestershire)
 Formed in 1971 as a colliery band. Merged with Charnwood Brass in 1999 to form Leicestershire Co-op Snibston Charnwood Brass.

Leicestershire Co-operative (South Midlands Welfare) Band (Snibston, Leicestershire)
See: Leicestershire Co-operative (SMW) Band

Lisburn Co-operative Band (County Antrim)
 Active in the 1890s, disbanding in 1907. Its instruments were passed on to Ballyskeagh Brass Band.

Manchester Co-operative Brass Band (Lancashire)
 Active in 1893

Midland Co-operative Brass Band (Gloucester, Gloucestershire)
 Active in 1871, conductor Mr Gibbs. Still active in 1874

North Midlands Co-operative Band
 Active in the 1980s. A youth band existed at the same time.

Norwest Co-op New Mills Band (Derbyshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: New Mills Band

Norwich Co-operative Society Brass Band (Norfolk)
 Founded in spring 1888. First public appearance in June 1888. Conductor G.T. Want in 1888 to 1894. Still active in December 1913 when it held a ball at the Thatched Assembly Rooms on All Saints Green, Norwich

Nottingham Co-operative Silver Band (Nottinghamshire)
 Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Pendleton Co-operative Brass Band (Lancashire)
 Active in the 1910s, folding in 1916

Penge and Beckenham Co-operative Society Band (Kent)
 Founded in 1904. Still active in 1910

Pershore Co-operative Brass Band (Worcestershire)
 Active in 1863, 1864

Ratby Co-operative Brass Band (Leicestershire)
 [current band] - Founded in 1906

Scottish Co-op Band (Lanarkshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Co-operation Band

Scottish CWS Band (Lanarkshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Co-operation Band

Stratford Co-operative Employees Band (Essex)
 Active in 1910

Thorpe Hesley Brass (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 [current band] - Founded in 1986 - Former names: Thorpe Hesley Co-operative Band

Thorpe Hesley Co-operative Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Thorpe Hesley Brass

Tidenham Co-operative Brass Band (Gloucestershire)
 Founded in December 1905

United Co-op 2000 Brass (Cheshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Crewe Brass

United Co-op 2000 Community Brass Band (Cheshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Crewe Brass

United Co-op Band (Crewe) (Cheshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: TCTC Group Band

United Co-op New Mills Band (Derbyshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: New Mills Band

United Co-op Yorkshire Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Yorkshire Co-operatives Band

United Co-operative Baking Society Ltd. Brass Band (Clydebank, Dunbartonshire)
See: U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band

United Norwest Co-op Milnrow Band (Lancashire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Milnrow Band

Waltham Forest Co-op Band (Essex)
[previous name of current band] - see: East London Brass

Whitwood Co-operative Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1883 to 1893

Wimbledon Co-operative Society Brass Band (Surrey)
 Active in 1893

Yorkshire Co-op Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Yorkshire Co-operatives Band

Yorkshire Co-operatives Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Formed in 1998 by the merger of Jayess '87 Band and Jayess (Queensbury) Band. Folded in 2010. Also known as United Co-op Yorkshire Brass Band

Retail - other

ASDA Hambleton Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: South Milford Brass

ASDA Manufacturing Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: South Milford Brass

ASDA Stocksbridge Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Unite the Union Brass Band

Bon Marché Brass Band (Brixton, Surrey)

Founded in early 1881, conductor James Sprake. It was associated with the Bon Marché department store. This store, which opened in 1877, first purpose built department store in the UK, and also the first steel frame building in the country. Taken over by Selfridges and later John Lewis, It eventually closed in 1975. At the band's inaugural concert in Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, on Tuesday 12 April 1881, in addition to other artistes, the band played HMS Pinafore (Sullivan), Grande Marche Militaire (Sprake), Die Morgenstein (Labitzky), Bonne Bouche (Waldteufel)

Corry and Sons' Brass Band (Silvertown, Essex)

See: Messrs Corry and Sons' Brass Band

GUS Band (Northamptonshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Virtuosi GUS Band

Hannington's Brass Band (Brighton, Sussex)

See: Messrs Hannington's Brass Band

Marshall and Snelgrove's Brass Band (Mayfair, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Marshall and Snelgrove's Brass Band

Messrs Corry and Sons' Brass Band (Silvertown, Essex)

Active in 1862. Corry and Sons were coal merchants based at the Victoria Docks

Messrs Hannington's Brass Band (Brighton, Sussex)

Active in 1902. Hannington's was a department store which traded from the early 1800s to 2001

Messrs J. Shoolbred and Co.'s Brass Band (Bloomsbury, Middlesex)

See: Tottenham House Brass Band

Messrs Marshall and Snelgrove's Brass Band (Mayfair, Middlesex)

Active in 1883 to 1886. Conductor A.C. Bollen in 1886. Also known as the West End Brass Band

Pryce-Jones Ltd. Brass Band (Newtown, Montgomeryshire)

Founded in March 1884, instruments costing £200. It disbanded in 1905, instruments being sold to Newtown Band. Conductor John Morris in 1884. Pryce-Jones, a draper, established his "Royal Welsh Warehouse" selling Welsh flannel and other goods by mail order - becoming Britain's first large scale mail order business. Also known as the Royal Welsh Warehouse Brass Band

Royal Welsh Warehouse Brass Band (Newtown, Montgomeryshire)

See: Pryce-Jones Ltd. Brass Band

Shoolbred and Co.'s Brass Band (Bloomsbury, Middlesex)

See: Tottenham House Brass Band

South Milford Brass (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1982 - Former names: Hambleton Brass, Hambleton Brass SHS, ASDA Manufacturing Band (1989-1992)

Tottenham House Brass Band (Bloomsbury, Middlesex)

Active in the late 1860s to 1895, sponsored by James Shoolbred Ltd, a home furnishings textiles and furniture store. At a concert in 1868 at St James's Hall, Tottenham Court Road, conductor Mr Neuzerling, one of the soloists was Henry Distin on cornet-a-piston. Conductor James Sprake in 1870-1879, Walter Lee in 1886. The band (or a successor) was also active in the early 1900s

Unite the Union Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded before June 1895 as Sheffield Recreation Brass Band, by William Thomas Bestwick, a Sheffield Police Inspector. Former names: Sheffield Recreation Brass Band, City of Sheffield Band (1970s), Quaker Sutherland Band, Andrews Heat for Hire Band (1980-4), City of Sheffield Band, Stocksbridge Engineering Steels Band (1988), UES Stocksbridge Band (1990s), ASDA Stocksbridge Band (2000), Stocksbridge Band (2002), City of Sheffield Band (to 2012) - Note: Absorbed remains of Sheffield Transport Band in the 1950s. [Further information - see: Branston, Jack - Stocksbridge Old Brass Band, in History of Stocksbridge - c. 1975?] Bandmaster W.T. Bestwick in 1895, Arnold Bagshaw in 1904-1905, D.C. Bargery in 1905, H. Kelly in 1916

Virtuosi GUS Band (Northamptonshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1933 - Former names: Munn And Felton Works Band, G.U.S. (Footwear) Band, Rigid Containers Group Band (1988), GUS Band, Travelsphere Holidays Band (to 2005), GUS Band (to 2006). [Further information - see: Eason, Kevin - Golden Brass: the 50th anniversary of the GUS Band - Chester Printers Ltd - 1983; Mutum, Tim - Virtuosi GUS Band - British Bandsman - (5790) 05-Oct 2013, pp. 10-13]

West End Brass Band (Mayfair, Middlesex)

See: Messrs Marshall and Snelgrove's Brass Band

William Tarn and Co.'s Brass Band (Newington, Surrey)

Active in 1868. The firm was a department store with drapery, carpets, furnishings, furniture, etc., at Newington Causeway

Service industries – fire service



National Fire Service Band (11 Area, Southend)

Aspatia Fire Brigade Brass Band (Cumberland)

See: Aspatia Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band

Aspatia Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band (Cumberland)

Active in 1885, conductor Mr Irving. Still active in the 1900s. Conductor J. Harker in 1890, Mr Nelson in 1895. Joseph Wilkinson was the secretary and conductor in the 1890s.

Auxiliary Fire Service Band (Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

Active during WW2

Band of Avon Fire and Rescue Service (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1954 - Former names: Bristol Fire Brigade Brass Band

Band of the Lincolnshire Fire Brigade (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Brighton Fire Brigade Brass Band (1) (Sussex)

Active in 1883

Brighton Fire Brigade Brass Band (2) (Sussex)

See: Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band

Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band (Sussex)

Active in 1896. Still active in 1900

Bristol Fire Brigade Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

[previous name of current band] - *see: Band of Avon Fire and Rescue Service*

Bury Fire Brigade Band (Lancashire)

See: Bury Public Silver Band

Bury Public Silver Band (Lancashire)

Formed as Heap Bridge Brass Band in 1877 by members of Heap Bridge United Methodist Church. In 1881 it became connected with the firm of Messrs. B. and G. Wrigley, woollen manufacturers and was known as Heap

Bridge Mills Brass Band and was conducted by John Peers. Began contesting that year and during the period to 1888 had won 14 prizes. A new set of instruments, value £400 and uniforms £120 were purchased in 1882. Known as 1st Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Band (later the Band of the Territorial Army 5th Battalion) between 1891 and 1918. After the war, they reverted to the title of Heap Bridge Brass Band. Became Bury Fire Brigade Band in 1939, and reformed in January 1946 as Bury Public Silver Band. Still active in 1956. Records of the band, from 1885-1914, are held at Bury Archive Service

Cheltenham Fire Brigade Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in 1902

Clarnico Fire Brigade Band (Hackney Wick, Middlesex)

See: Clarnico Works Brass Band

Clarnico Works Brass Band (Hackney Wick, Middlesex)

Active in 1898 as Clarke, Nickolls and Coombs Brass Band. Still active in 1904. Clarnico is an amalgamation of Clarke, Nickolls and Coombs who manufactured confectionery at Hackney Wick. It was later taken over by Trebor Bassett.

Darwen Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1871, conductor James Briggs

Denton Fire Brigade Band (Lancashire)

Active in the late 1890s

Dodworth Auxilliary Fire Service Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1940s

Ealing Auxillary Fire Service Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1941

Easington National Fire Service Band (Durham)

See: Easington Public Band

Easington Public Band (Durham)

Formed in 1915 as Easington Colliery Youth Band, became the National Fire Service Band during World War 2 and thereafter Easington Public Band. Merged with Easington Colliery Band in 1956.

Eastbourne Fire Brigade and Engineers' Brass Band (Sussex)

Active in 1899

Ebbw Vale Firemen's Club Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in 1851, conductor J. Marrint

Horsham Fire Brigade Brass Band (Sussex)

Active in 1869

Huddersfield Fire Brigade Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1877 through to WW1. Conductor T. Wheelwright in 1885, Joe Willie in 1906

Lincolnshire Fire Brigade Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

London Fire Brigade Brass Band (London)

See: Metropolitan Fire Brigade Brass Band

Manchester Fire Brigade Silver Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1950s

Metropolitan Fire Brigade Brass Band (London)

Founded in 1892

Midhurst Fire Brigade Brass Band (Sussex)

Active in 1882

N.F.S. Band

See: National Fire Service Band

National Fire Service Band (Easington, Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Easington Public Band

National Fire Service Band (Swansea, Glamorgan)

See: Swansea National Fire Service Band

National Fire Service Band (11 Area) (Southend, Essex)

Active in 1943

National Fire Service Band (27 Area, L Division) (Eccles, Lancashire)

Active from 1942. A wartime combination of players from Barton Hall Works Band and Eccles Borough Band, conductor was Dan Shepherd.

National Fire Service Band (37 Area) (Bexley, Kent)

See: North Kent Silver Band

National Fire Service Band (Area 14) (Portsmouth, Hampshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Portsmouth City Band

National Fire Service Band (North Midland Region) (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1942/43

National Fire Service Western (No.1) Area Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)

The Band Association constitution, minutes and correspondence, 1943-1944, are held in the Glasgow City Archives

North Kent Silver Band (Bexley, Kent)

Formed in April 1940 as Bexley A.F.S. Brass Band and, in 1942, became the official National Fire Service Band for London, being known as the National Fire Service Silver Band (37 Area). Adopted the name of North Kent Silver Band in 1945. Active into the early 1950s

Penrith A Division N.F.S. (National Fire Service) Silver Band (Cumberland)

[previous name of current band] - see: Penrith Town Band

Penrith Town Band (Cumberland)

[current band] - Founded in 1938 - Former names: Penrith Temperance Band, Penrith A Division N.F.S. (National Fire Service) Silver Band (1943), Penrith British Legion Band (1946-1963) - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of the Penrith Subscription Band and the Penrith Sons of Temperance Oak Lodge Band

Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service Band (Hampshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Portsmouth City Band

Portsmouth City Band (Hampshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1939 - Former names: Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service Band, National Fire Service Band (Area 14), Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Band (1951 to 1965). Conductor R. Sadler in 1951. [Further information - see: Kennett, Michael - Forty Musical Years... and the band plays on (Portsmouth City Band) - in Hampshire: the County Magazine - Vol. 19 (4), February 1979, pp.57-58]

Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Band (Hampshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Portsmouth City Band

Ruston and Hornsby Band (Grantham, Lincolnshire)

Founded in 1896. Active to the late 1990s or early 2000s. Conductors F. Stevens and E. Bausor in 1904. Ruston and Hornsby Ltd. were engine builders and boilermakers, formed by the merger of Hornsby's works in Grantham (at the Spittlegate Ironworks) with the Lincoln based Rustons. Originally formed as Messrs Hornsby and Sons Brass Band or Spittlegate Iron Works Brass

Band, then becoming (and reformed as) Hornsby Temperance Band in 1904, Ruston Engineers Silver Band, Ruston Bucyrus Band from the 1970s to 1993 when it became the Lincolnshire Fire Brigade Band. A concert in October 1904 was: Honest Toil (Rimmer), Caliph of Baghdad (Boieldieu), Il Flauto Magico (Mozart), Dream of Paradise (Hamilton Gray), Eventide (Rimmer), Comfort Ye My People (Handel), And the Glory of the Lord (Handel).

Sailors' and Firemen's Poplar Brass Band (London)

Active in 1890

Scapegoat Hill Fire Brigade Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1900s

Suffolk Fire Service Band (Ipswich, Suffolk)

[previous name of current band] - see: Suffolk Phoenix Brass

Suffolk Phoenix Brass (Ipswich, Suffolk)

[current band] - Founded in the 1970s - Former names: Suffolk Fire Service Band. *[Further information: a scrapbook including a history and photographs of the Annual Medal presentation 1971-1999 are held in the Suffolk Record Office, Bury St Edmunds Branch - (HD2298)]*

Swansea National Fire Service Band (Glamorgan)

Active during WW2

Tenby Brass Band (Pembrokeshire)

Active in 1884, conductor G. Edmonds. Bandmaster Mr Cowling in 1885. Became associated with the Tenby Fire Brigade in July 1891, bandmaster G. Edmonds - adopting new rules and a uniform of Lancer Blue with red trimmings. In 1894 it accompanied the Tenby Fire Brigade on a trip to visit the Ilfracombe Fire Brigade in Devon, travelling on the S.S. Alexandria. A concert in February 1884 was: Men of Ware, Lillie, Vagrants, Lights o' London, Boccacio, Under the Stars.

Tenby Fire Brigade Brass Band (Pembrokeshire)

See: Tenby Brass Band

Tunbridge Wells Fire Brigade Band (Kent)

Active from 1903 well into WW1 (1916 at least).

West Riding County Fire Service Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: West Riding Fire Service Band

West Riding Fire Service Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1960s to the mid-1980s when it converted to a military band format. A number of its brass players went on to form West Yorkshire Brass in 1986

West Yorkshire Fire Service Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: West Riding Fire Service Band

Widnes Fire Brigade Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1897

Service industries – general services

C.I. Group Brass (Staffordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Staffordshire Band

Corporation Cleansing Department Water Street Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: Water Street Brass Band

Handsworth Council Employees Band (Staffordshire)

Active in the early 1900s to WW1. Thomas Welling conductor in 1906.

Holt Town Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in 1889 to 1901. Associated with the Holt Town branch of the Manchester Corporation Health Department. In April 1900 the band ceased its connection with Manchester Corporation, retaining the instruments and uniforms and becoming "plain" Holt Town Brass Band

JPD Mereside Brass (Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Mereside Brass

Leeds Corporation Employees Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Leeds Corporation Servants' Brass Band

Leeds Corporation Servants' Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1892 as a small brass band in Armley. Reorganised and renamed Leeds Corporation Servants' Brass Band in 1903, with new instruments costing £350, 24 bandsmen, secretary T.A. Kitchen and instructor W. Rimmer.

Manchester Corporation Employees (Birchfields Road) Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1930s

Manchester Corporation Employees (Hyde Road) Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1930s

Oldham Road Cleansing Department Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1895

Orderlies' Brass Band (Cleansing Department) (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in 1897

Prestwich Cleansing Department Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s

Salford Corporation Employees Band (Lancashire)

Active in the early 1900s, conductor J. Fraser in 1903

Sheffield Cleansing Department Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in May 1904, conductor J. Dyson, instruments costing £170.

Southwick Public Works Band (Durham)

Founded in 1904. Active through the 1900s

St Marylebone Municipal Employees Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Marylebone Municipal Employees Brass Band

Staffordshire Band (Staffordshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Walsall Wood Institute Temperance Band (to 1920s), Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band, Walsall Home Guard Band (during WW2), Aldridge Town Band, Aldridge Brownhills Brass Band (1966), Walsall Metropolitan Band (1975), Walsall Servis Band (1980), Walsall Highgate Band (1983), C.I.Group Brass (1988), Staffordshire Building Society Band (1993-1998)

Service industries - health



Boots Plaisaunce Band

AMI Laser Restoration Sharlston Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sharlston Colliery Band

Boots Plaisaunce Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)

Established 1906. Jesse Boot was keen to promote music making and musical appreciation amongst company employees, and within Nottingham generally. In 1906, when a campaign was launched to restore the Albert Hall, Jesse Boot offered to spend £5,000 on a new organ, on condition that the organist provided popular recitals every Saturday afternoon with a fair number of seats not exceeding 3d each. Jesse Boot funded the organist's salary for three years. At Plaisaunce, the Boot family's summer house, employees were invited to afternoon entertainments, with music, dancing, athletics, swimming, and in the evenings sometimes fireworks. Jesse Boot provided a set of instruments for the use of an employees' band, and the Plaisaunce Band was formed. The band's first conductor and founder was William Hames. Florence Boot chose the uniforms - Lincoln Green, light green collar and cuffs, and silver braid. Jesse Boot arranged for the band to be coached by a professional conductor, Mr Alex Owen, and in June 1908 the band made its first venture into competitions at Lincoln. In 1909 the band won first prize in the Junior Cup section in the National Brass Band contest at Crystal Palace. Reformed after the First World War and affiliated to the Scout Movement, known as Boots Silver Band, or 42nd (Boots) Silver Band, the band had the honour of being the first civilian band to play on Wellington Barracks Square. Conductor R.B. Mills in 1935. During the 1930s it disbanded and some players went on to form the Beacon Silver Band

Sheffield Corporation Health Department Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s. "Reconstructed" in July 1905. First public performance on Saturday 16th December 1905, at the Vestry Hall, conductor W.T. Beswick. Conductor W.H. Hudson in 1912

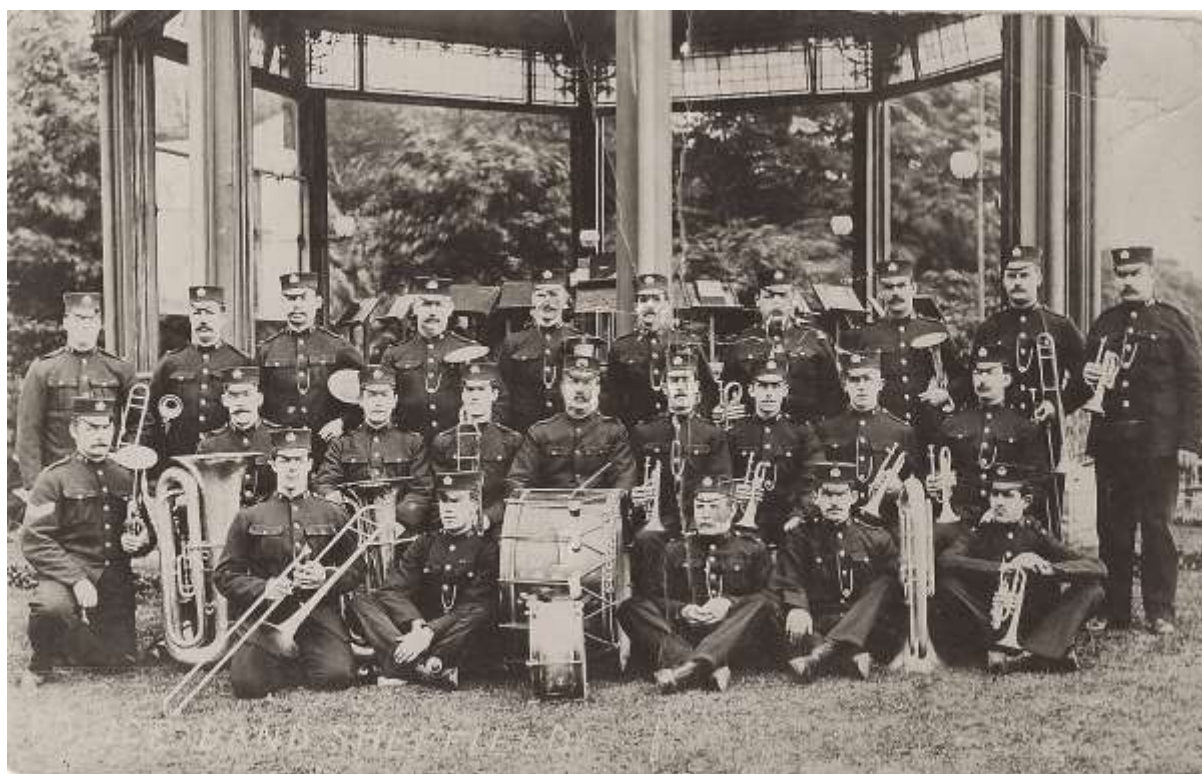
Westoe (STHCT) Band (Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Westoe Brass Band

Westoe Brass Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1890 - Former names: Tyne Dock Temperance Band (1890-1911), Harton Colliery Band, Harton and Westoe Colliery Band, Westoe Colliery Band (1985), Westoe (STHCT) Band (1993-2006) - Note: In 1911 Harton Colliery adopted the players of the Tyne Dock Temperance Band to form Harton Colliery Band. It became one of the finest bands in the country and won the British Open in 1919, the first colliery band to do so. It maintained its leading position for 25 years. until, in 1984, the miner's strike helped to precipitate its downfall and at one time the strike brought down the number in the band to only three and local school children were recruited to keep the practices going. Previously the Westoe colliery had re-opened and as the Harton and Westoe Colliery Band it continued until 1968 when, with the closure of Harton Colliery, it dropped the name Harton from its title. The end of the band was feared when the Westoe Colliery closed in 1991 but the determination of its members kept it going until 1993 when the South Tyneside Health Care Trust came to its rescue as a sponsor by providing rehearsal facilities for them, and they in turn provided fund-raising concerts for the benefit of hospital patients.

Service industries - police



Sheffield Police Brass Band

A Division Police Brass Band (Westminster, Middlesex)

Active in 1872, conductor William Dickinson. Still active in 1875. See also B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

B Division Police Brass Band (Chelsea, Middlesex)

Active in 1862. Assumed to have folded by 1879, as the band's musical instruments were sold by auction in December that year. See also A, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Band of Staffordshire Police (Staffordshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Florence Brass

Band of the Cheshire Constabulary (Cheshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1952 - Former names: Stockport Police Band (to 1967). [Further information - see: Anon - Scarlet and Blue Police Band [Cheshire Police Band] - Cheshire Constabulary, 1992; Callister, Ian - Band on the Beat (Cheshire Constabulary brass band) - Cheshire Life, July 1992, pp.28-29.]

Birmingham Police Brass Band (Warwickshire)

Active in 1869

Bootle Police Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s, bandmaster Mr Hall

Bow Division Police Brass Band (West Ham, Essex)

See: K Division Police Brass Band

Bow Police Brass Band (West Ham, Essex)

See: K Division Police Brass Band

Bradford Police Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1904, conductor A.H. Chapman. A concert in Horton Park in May 1904 was: Greetings from Egypt (Tobisch), Rosamunde (Schubert), Haddon Hall (Sullivan), Casino Tanse (Gung'l), Danse de Satyrs (Le Thiere), A Life on the Ocean (Binding), Les Cloches de St Malo (Rimmer), Happy Days in Dixie (Bidgood).

Bristol Police Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in 1879, conductor T. Glover, bandmaster Mr Mortimer (police constable). Still active in 1888

Briston and Melton Brass Band (Norfolk)

Active in 1899 to 1905. Conductor W. Reed in 1903-1904

Burnley Borough Police Brass Band (1) (Lancashire)

Founded in 1888. Disbanded around 1896. A successor band was formed in 1902, with many of the original police officer players.

Burnley Borough Police Brass Band (2) (Lancashire)

Founded in January 1902. Disbanded in May 1905, when the instruments, uniforms and music were returned to the Burnley Watch Committee

Burnley Police Brass Band (Lancashire)

See: Burnley Borough Police Brass Band

Bury Police Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1908

Cambridge Borough Police Band (Cambridgeshire)

Active in 1904

Carlisle Police Brass Band (Cumberland)

Founded in 1905

City of Leicester Special Constabulary Band (Leicestershire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Foresters Brass 2000

City of London Police Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1874. Still active in 1891. Conductor H.A. Rattray in 1879, Hiram Henton in 1891

City of Stoke Police Band (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

See: Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band

City of Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Band (Staffordshire)

See: Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band

Cleveland Police Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1971 - Former names: Teesside Constabulary Band

Coventry City Police Band (Warwickshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: West Midlands Police Band

D Division Police Brass Band (Marylebone, Middlesex)

Active in 1862, conductor Adam Keighley. Still active in 1865. See also A, B, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Derby Borough Police Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Formed 1936, still active in 1952.

Derby Constabulary Band (Derbyshire)

See: Derby Borough Police Brass Band

Derby Police Band (Derbyshire)

See: Derby Borough Police Brass Band

Dublin Metropolitan Police Brass Band (Dublin)

Active in 1878 to 1900. Conductor J. Conroy in 1888-1900

Durham Constabulary Brass Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1967

E Division Police Brass Band (Holborn, Middlesex)

Active in 1863 to 1878. Conductor Mr Lane in 1863, Mr Pierce in 1868, Major Woodhouse in 1878. See also A, B, D, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Ely Police Band (Cambridgeshire)

Active in 1907

F Division Police Brass Band (Kensington, Middlesex)

Founded in July 1888, with 41 performers. Still active in 1892. Bandmaster T. Oakley in 1891. See also A, B, D, E, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Florence Brass (Staffordshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Bucknall Ex-Servicemen's Band, Staffordshire Police Band, Staffordshire Special Constabulary Band, Stoke on Trent City Police Band, Band of Staffordshire Police (to 2001). Conducted by Mr Henshall in 1928

Foresters Brass 2000 (Leicestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Bread Street Mission Band, Leicester Ivanhoe Band (1910s/1920s - competing in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor C. A. Anderson (drawn 5 of 11 bands, they were not placed). Still active as Ivanhoe Band in 1923), North Evington Working Men's Club and Institute Band (1928, conducted by Mr S. Brown to 1939), 9th Battalion Home Guard Band, City of Leicester Special Constabulary Band (1946), Leicester Foresters Band (1958), Band of the Ancient Order of Foresters (1978-2000) - Note: Amalgamated with Brass 2000 in 2000

G Division Police Brass Band (Finsbury, Middlesex)

Active in 1863 to 1889. Conductor Mr Lake in 1863-1880, Mr Pierce in 1868, Major Woodhouse in 1878, Mr Tidswell in 1880-1884, Mr W.J. Dean in 1885-1889. A concert in March 1889 included: Boulanger's Grand March, Arcadia Overture, Soldier and a Man, L'Oisban du Bois (euphonium solo by PC Preston), England selection, Home Sweet Home (cornet solo, Inspector Pitcher), The Bay of Biscay (euphonium/Preston), Tow Bowling (trombone solo, PC Bennett). See also A, B, D, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Gateshead Constabulary Brass Band (Durham)

Active in the early 1870s. Still active in 1881. Conductor J.H. Amers in 1881

Glasgow City Police Band (Lanarkshire)

Founded in 1881 - thought there is mention of a Glasgow Police Brass Band in 1877. Still active in 1892

Glasgow Police Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Glasgow City Police Band

Gloucestershire Constabulary Band (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1990

Govan Police Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in the 1890s

H Division Police Brass Band (Stepney, Middlesex)

Founded in 1861, conductor W. Lake. Still active in 1866. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Hastings Police Band (Sussex)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Hull City Police Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in the 1960s

Hull Police Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active from 1864, conductor R. Smith, to the 1900s

K Division Police Brass Band (West Ham, Essex)

Founded in 1860, consisting of 35 policemen from Bow and West Ham, conductor W. Lake. Made its public debut in November 1860, by which time there were 40 performers. 22 players in 1873. Still active in 1884. See also A, B, D, E, F, H, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Kent Police Band (Kent)

[current band] - Founded in 1977. [Further information - see: Hammonds, DG - Kent Police Band Souvenir Booklet - Kent County Constabulary, 1989]

King's Lynn Police Band (Norfolk)

Active in the 1880s

Kingsland Police Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: N Division Police Brass Band

L Division Police Brass Band (Lambeth, Surrey)

Active in 1861. Conductor J.C. Kent in 1877. Still active in 1895. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Lambeth Division Police Brass Band (Surrey)

See: L Division Police Brass Band

Lancashire Constabulary Band (Hutton, Lancashire)

Formed in 1964 and active through to the 1990s.

Leeds Constabulary Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1888. A successor band was formed in 1899

Leeds Police Brass Band (1) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Leeds Constabulary Brass Band

Leeds Police Brass Band (2) (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1899

Leicester and Rutland Police Band (Leicestershire)

Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Leicester Borough Police Band (Leicestershire)

Founded in March 1873, conductor J.A. Smith (through to 1882). Folded in 1906 when the council took exception to the band rehearsing during work hours.

Leicester City Police Band (Leicestershire)

See: Leicester Borough Police Band

Leicester Police Brass Band (Leicestershire)

See: Leicester Borough Police Band

Leicester Special Constabulary Band (Leicestershire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Foresters Brass 2000

Liverpool Constabulary Band (Lancashire)

Founded in April 1868, with 15 members, conductor Mr Beardall. Still active in 1897. Conductor A.P. Crawley in 1890-1897. A concert programme in Sefton Park in 1887 was: Le Lac des Fees (Auber), Ave Maria (Schubert), Blumen der Lust (Gungil), La Fille du Regiment (Donizetti), Olympia (Kottaum), The Better Land (Cowen), Maritana (Wallace). A concert in Sefton Park in August 1897 was: Tannhauser (Wagner), Fingal's Cave (Mendelssohn), Iolanthe

- (Sullivan), Love in Idleness (Allan Macbeth), Irish Songs (Godfrey), Poltergeister (Faust)
- Liverpool Police Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Liverpool Constabulary Band
- London City Police Brass Band** (London)
 Active in 1890, conductor Mr Hoskings
- M Division Police Brass Band** (Southwark, Surrey)
 Active in 1884, conductor Mr Carter. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands
- Manchester City Police Brass Band** (Lancashire)
 Active in 1886, conductor Mr Doughty. Still active in 1899
- Manchester City Police Brass Band** (Lancashire)
 Active in 1886, conductor Mr Doughty. Still active in 1899
- Manchester Police Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Manchester City Police Brass Band
- Melton Constable and Briston Brass Band** (Norfolk)
See: Briston and Melton Brass Band
- Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage Brass Band** (Twickenham, Middlesex)
 Founded in January 1873, with 20 boys aged up to 14, conductor Mr Alcock. Still active in 1893
- Metropolitan Dockyard Police Brass Band** (Portsmouth, Hampshire)
 Founded in 1861, conductor Mr Jones, consisting of 30 constables, practising in the Volunteer band room at the Dockyard Factory.
- Middlesbrough Police Brass Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
 Founded in 1868, disbanded in 1903
- N Division Police Brass Band** (Islington, Middlesex)
 Active in 1862 to 1870. Conductor Mr Sibold in 1863, Mr Ison in 1867. Also known as Kingsland Police Brass Band. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands
- Newcastle City Police Band** (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
 Formed in 1930 and still active in 1948
- Newcastle Constabulary Brass Band** (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
 Founded in December 1865, conductor T.S. Watson. Conductor Thomas Wheatley in 1882. Still active in 1884
- Newcastle Constabulary Brass Band** (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
 Founded in December 1865, conductor T.S. Watson. Conductor Thomas Wheatley in 1882. Still active in 1884
- Newcastle Police Brass Band** (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
See: Newcastle Constabulary Brass Band
- Northumberland Police Band** (Northumberland)
 Active from the 1970s to 2005. Renamed Northumbria Police Band and later, in 2001, Gateshead Brass
- Northumbria Police Band** (Northumberland)
See: Northumberland Police Band
- Nottingham Borough Police Brass Band** (Nottinghamshire)
 Founded in January 1861, conductor Mr Carter, made its first public appearance in May 1861. Active through to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Redgate in 1890, Sergeant Harley in 1904. Charles Gray was a member in May 1861 when he won a 120 yard foot race against Joseph Dudley of the Derby Police

Nottingham Borough Police Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Founded in January 1861, conductor Mr Carter, made its first public appearance in May 1861. Active through to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Redgate in 1890, Sergeant Harley in 1904. Charles Gray was a member in May 1861 when he won a 120 yard foot race against Joseph Dudley of the Derby Police

Nottingham Police Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Nottingham Borough Police Brass Band

Nottingham Special Constabulary Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active during WW2 in the 1940s. Not to be confused with Nottingham Police Borough Band (founded in 1887, and still active) - a military band in formation.

Oxford City Police Brass Band (Oxfordshire)

Active in 1877 to 1893

P Division Police Brass Band (Peckham, Surrey)

Active in 1868. Still active in 1888, bandmaster Mr Gibbons. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Police Orphanage Brass Band (Twickenham, Middlesex)

See: Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage Brass Band

Portsmouth Police Brass Band (Hampshire)

Founded in late 1901, conductor Mr Strawn. Active through the 1900s

R Division Police Brass Band (Woolwich, Kent)

See: Woolwich Police Brass Band

R Division Police Brass Band (Greenwich, Kent)

Active in 1875, conductor Mr Fowden. Still active in 1881. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Rochdale Police Brass Band (Lancashire)

Founded in 1882, conductor Mr Dawson. Still active in 1914

Rutland Police Band (Rutland)

Active in the 1940s and 1950s

S Division Police Brass Band (Hampstead, Middlesex)

Active in 1863. Still active in 1887. Conductor Mr Keighley in 1866, J. Pougher in 1887. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R and T Division Police Brass Bands.

Salford Police Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1903 when it played at the first municipal concert in the Teneriffe Street Hall, Salford. The audience was estimated at over 1,000 and many were unable to get in.

Sheffield City Police Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sheffield Police Band

Sheffield Police Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1864 (obtained its instruments in January that year), instructor Herr Stradiot, disbanded in the 1930s. Fred Parkinson bandmaster in 1905-1912. Conductor A.W. Lamb in 1906

South Shields Borough Police Band (Durham)

See: South Shields Police Band

South Shields Police Band (Durham)

Formed in 1888. Still active in 1915

South Yorkshire Police Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1979

Southampton County Borough Police Band (Hampshire)

Active in 1928

Southampton Police Brass Band (Hampshire)
Active in the 1900s

Southport Special Constabulary Band (Lancashire)
See: Tudor Silver Band

Stafford Police Brass Band (Staffordshire)
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Staffordshire Police Band (Staffordshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Florence Brass

Staffordshire Police Brass Band (Staffordshire)
See: Stafford Police Brass Band

Staffordshire Special Constabulary Band (Staffordshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Florence Brass

Staffs County and Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Band (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
See: Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band

Stepney Police Brass Band (Middlesex)
See: H Division Police Brass Band

Stockport Borough Police Brass Band (Cheshire)
Active in the 1950s. Possibly a precursor to the current Cheshire Constabulary Band (formed in 1967)

Stockport Police Band (Cheshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Band of the Cheshire Constabulary

Stockport Police Band (Cheshire)
See: Stockport Borough Police Brass Band

Stoke Police Band (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
See: Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band

Stoke-on-Trent City Police Band (Staffordshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Florence Brass

Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band (Staffordshire)
Active from the late 1940s to the 1970s

Sunderland Borough Police Band (Durham)
Formed in autumn 1863, tutor Mr Ticehurst. Still active in the early 1960s.
Conductor W.W. Lax in 1869-1892

Sunderland Constabulary Brass Band (Durham)
See: Sunderland Borough Police Band

Sunderland Police Band (Durham)
See: Sunderland Borough Police Band

Swansea Police Brass Band (Glamorgan)
Active in 1885

T Division Police Brass Band (Hammersmith, Middlesex)
Active in 1868, conductor Mr Lake. Still active in 1893. Conductor J.S. King in 1884-1893. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R and S Division Police Brass Bands

Teesside Constabulary Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))
[previous name of current band] - see: Cleveland Police Band

Thames Valley Police Brass Band (Berkshire)
Founded in 1973. Played its final concert at St Mary's Church, Thames in March 1995. Conductor Gordon Saunders 1984-1995

Tudor Silver Band (Southport, Lancashire)
Formed in 1937 as Southport Special Constabulary Band. Became Tudor Silver Band in November 1949. Active into the mid-1950s

Twickenham Police Orphanage Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage Brass Band

V Division Police Brass Band (Wandsworth, Surrey)

Active in 1880. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Walsall Borough Police Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Founded in autumn 1873. Active to WW1.

Walsall Police Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Walsall Borough Police Brass Band

Warwickshire and Coventry Constabulary Band (Warwickshire)

See: West Midlands Police Band

West Ham Police Brass Band (Essex)

See: K Division Police Brass Band

West Mercia Constabulary Band (Worcester, Worcestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1988

West Midlands Police Band (Warwickshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Coventry City Police Band (to 1976)

West Yorkshire Police Band (Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1899 - Note: Police Bands have entertained the public in West Yorkshire for over a century. Bradford City Police Band was formed as long ago as 1899, with Leeds City following some fifteen years later. In 1974 the Leeds and Bradford forces amalgamated to form The West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police, and both bands merged at that time to become The West Yorkshire Police Band. Initially military in style, with woodwind, brass and percussion, in 1984 a new ethos was agreed and from that date the band has been styled in the traditional Brass Band format.

Whitechapel Division Police Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: H Division Police Brass Band

Winchester Police Brass Band (Hampshire)

Active in 1915

Woolwich Dockyard Police Brass Band (Kent)

Active in 1881, bandmaster Sergeant Chapman

Woolwich Police Brass Band (1) (Kent)

Formed in 1859 with 18 policemen doing duty at the Royal Arsenal.

Woolwich Police Brass Band (2) (Kent)

See: Woolwich Royal Arsenal Police Brass Band

Woolwich Royal Arsenal Police Brass Band (Kent)

Founded in summer 1887. Conductor Mr Richards in 1888

Y Division Police Brass Band (Holloway, Middlesex)

Active in 1887. Still active in 1895. See also A, B, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N, P, R, S and T Division Police Brass Bands.

Service industries – postal & telegraph



Harrogate Postmen's Band

Ascot Brass Band (Berkshire)

Formed around 1883 by Mr Abbey. Still active in 1888. Also known as the Post Office Band as Mr Abbey was the postmaster

Ascot Post Office Band (Berkshire)

See: Ascot Brass Band

Bath Post Office Brass Band (Somerset)

Founded around 1892. Still active in 1904. Conductor Mr Costello in 1901

Birkenhead and District Postal Band (Cheshire)

Active in the early 1900s

Birmingham Postal Telegraph Clerks' Brass Band (Warwickshire)

Active in 1886, conductor Mr Corfield

Bournemouth Postmen's Brass Band (Hampshire)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster in 1906 was E. L. Green

Bradford Letter Carriers' Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Bradford Postmen's Band

Bradford Postmen's Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1886, conductor E.F. Wilson. Still active in the early 1900s. Conductor J. Jackson and solo euphonium A. Sever in 1900. There may have been a link with the Bradford City Temperance Band and/or the Bradford Postal Temperance Society. A concert in Peel Park in July 1900 was: Le Reighnor (Mohr), Tancredi (Rossini), Oberon (Weber), Elan Reigen (Gung'l), Ireland (Round), Old Kentucky Home (Masien), A Runaway Girl (Monckton), Beauties of Scotland (Newton).

Brighton Post Office Brass Band (Sussex)

Active in 1893 to 1899

Brighton Telegraph Messengers' Brass Band (Sussex)

Founded in 1889, with 20 members. Its balance sheet in May 1889, prior to its debut, was: Income from public subscriptions: £57 12s 0½d, Expenditure: printing/stationery, £1 3s 3d, carriage and postage, 1s 4½d, 18 brass instruments, £45 10s, one side drum, £1 15s, one bass drum, £4 14s, 12 music stands, £3 6s, band books and instruction books, 17s 7d, rent of practice room, 16s 0d.

Brindle Brass Band (Lancashire)

[current band] - Founded in 1810 - Former names: Brindle Temperance Band, Brindle Subscription Band, Lancashire Evening Post Band. Bandmaster George Rigby in 1892. [Further information - see: Hartley, Elizabeth A. - Brindle Band: a social and cultural history of a Lancashire brass band, 1868-2000 - MA Thesis, 2000]

Bristol Post Office Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

Formed in 1884, first public appearance on Sunday 16th November 1884. Still active in 1936. A fund was set up in 1883, administered by W.H. Gange, by public subscription to start the band, which had raised over 100 pounds by September that year. Another report gives disbanding in 1902, but it must have revived again fairly quickly.

Cardiff Post Office Brass Band (1) (Glamorgan)

Founded in January 1886 by public subscription. Still active in 1895. First public appearance in October 1886, 21 members, conductor H.F. Davies. Conductor I. Sampson in 1893-1895. Presumed to have folded prior to 1897 when a successor band was formed.

Cardiff Post Office Brass Band (2) (Glamorgan)

Founded in 1897, conductor T. Sansam. Still active in 1904. [Further information - see: Anon - Cardiff Post Office Band (later, Cardiff Post Office Military Band) : History and reminiscences of the band, formed in 1897 - South Wales Echo, August 30, 1997, page 8]

Cardiff Postal Brass Band (Glamorgan)

See: Cardiff Post Office Brass Band

Central Telegraph Office Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1892

Croydon District Postal Musical Society Band (Surrey)

Active around 1910

Derby Post Office Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Derby Postmen's Brass Band

Derby Postmen's Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Founded in January 1908, conductor T. Mosley. Still active in the 1920s

Dublin Postmen's Federation Brass Band (Dublin)

Active in 1902, conductor Mr Anser. Still active in 1905

Eastbourne Postmen's Brass Band (Sussex)

Founded in 1901, conductor J. Clement. Active through the early 1900s

Eastern District Post Office Brass Band (Bow, Middlesex)

Founded in September 1879, with 30 players, conductor H.A. Rattray, secretary Mr Bullwinkle. Musical Director Herr Louis Honig, bandmaster H.A. Rattray in 1880. Conductor R. Hurst in 1883. Still active in 1883

Eastern Postal District Brass Band (Bow, Middlesex)

See: Eastern District Post Office Brass Band

Edinburgh and Leith Postal Brass Band (Midlothian)

Formed in 1890. Active into the 1910s. J. Sullivan bandmaster in 1896. James Ord Hume bandmaster in 1904-1913. This was originally a brass and reed band. Another report gives its formation in 1892. A concert at Calton Hill in July 1900 was: Distant Greeting (Doring), Light Cavalry (Suppe), Gruss an Hannover (Labitzky), Mikado (Sullivan), Girandole (Asch), The Lost Chord (Sullivan), The Egyptian Patrol (J.V. Lane), A Hunting Scene (Buccalossi). A concert in August 1904 was: War March of the Priests from Athalie (Mendelssohn), Light Cavalry (Suppe), The Choristers (Berrard Phelps), National Songs of America (Winterbottom), Cathleen Mavourneen (Crouch), Hungarian Dances 5 & 6 (Brahms), Fantasia on Old Scottish Melodies (Godfrey).

Edinburgh Post Office Brass Band (Midlothian)

See: Edinburgh and Leith Postal Brass Band

Exeter Post Office Brass Band (Devon)

Founded in Autumn 1887, bandmaster Mr Palmer, as a military band, converting to full brass soon thereafter. Still active in 1902. Conductor Mr Hetherington in 1890

Glasgow Post Office Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

Active in 1889 to 1892. Bandmaster John Leonard Rippen in 1891

Glasgow Postal Brass Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Glasgow Post Office Brass Band

Harrogate Postmen's Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Huddersfield Postal Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1900s

Hull Post Office Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Founded around 1868. Active to the 1900s

Lancashire Evening Post Band (Brindle, Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Brindle Brass Band

Leeds Post Office Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Leeds Postmen's Brass Band

Leeds Postmen's Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1889, disbanded in 1899

Leeds Postmen's Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1889, disbanded in 1899

Leith and Edinburgh Postal Brass Band (Midlothian)

See: Edinburgh and Leith Postal Brass Band

Leith Postal Brass Band (Midlothian)

See: Edinburgh and Leith Postal Brass Band

Liverpool Postal Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1890s, conductor F. Moynagh in 1894-1899. A concert in Beaufort Street in July 1899 was: A Distant Greeting (Doring), A Runaway Girl (Caryll), Cornflowers and Poppies (Waldteufel), Egyptian Patrol (Val Lane), Der Freischutz (Weber), Airs from Gounod's Faust (Coote).

London Postal and Telegraph Brass Band (Paddington, Middlesex)

Active in 1884 to 1886

Malmesbury Postmen's Brass Band (Wiltshire)

Active in 1903

- Manchester and Salford Postmen's Band** (Lancashire)
Active in 1883, when some of its members played at the funeral of John Leah, trombonist in the Pendleton Brass Band.
- Manchester Post Office Brass Band (1)** (Lancashire)
See: Manchester Postmen's Brass Band
- Manchester Post Office Brass Band (2)** (Lancashire)
Active in the 1930s
- Manchester Postal Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Manchester Post Office Brass Band
- Manchester Postmen's Brass Band** (Lancashire)
Founded in 1880 or 1881. Still active in 1882
- Manchester Telegraph Messengers Band** (Lancashire)
Active from 1894 to the 1920s
- Metropolitan Telegraph Messengers' Brass Band** (Croydon, Surrey)
Active in 1875, conductor C. Woodhouse
- Middlesbrough Postal Band** (Yorkshire (North Riding))
Active in the 1910s, reforming after WW1 in 1919, bandmaster T. White
- Moreton Post Office Brass Band** (Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire)
Founded in early 1903. Active to the 1910s
- Newport Post Office Brass Band** (Monmouthshire)
Founded in January 1888, conductor W. Pullen/Pullin, with 25 members. Still active in 1890
- North London District Postal Brass Band** (Middlesex)
Active in 1889
- Northern District Postal Brass Band** (Middlesex)
Founded in July 1887, conductor F. Oakley. Still active in 1889. A concert at Myddelton Hall in March 1888 included: The Highland Polka, The Postman's Waltz, Quick March, Chorale and March.
- Norwood Postal District Brass Band** (Surrey)
Founded in December 1894, treasurer F. Ashley, secretary A. Pearce, assistant secretary G. Clarke, with committee D. Newman (East Dulwich Sorting Office), Mr Nightingale (West Norwood S.O.), Mr Painton (Sydenham S.O.), Mr Smith (Anerley S.O.), C. May (Forest Hill S.O.), H. Holloway (South Norwood S.O.), Mr Capron (Norwood S.O.)
- Oldham Postal Brass Band** (Lancashire)
Formed in 1908. Active to WW2.
- Oxford Post Office Band** (Oxfordshire)
Active in the 1900s
- Penarth Post Office Band** (Glamorgan)
Active in 1912
- Post Office Engineering Union Brass Band** (Stockport, Cheshire)
See: Stockport Telephone Band
- Post Office Grand Band** (Marylebone, Middlesex)
See: Post Office Western District Brass Band
- Post Office Western District Brass Band** (Marylebone, Middlesex)
Founded in 1867, a large band, conducted by M. Vimeaux
- Postal and Telegraph Brass Band** (Paddington, Middlesex)
See: London Postal and Telegraph Brass Band
- Postmen's Confederation Band** (Dublin)
See: Dublin Postmen's Federation Brass Band

Rochdale Postal Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s, conductor G.F. Wilde in 1904

Rotherham Letter Carriers' Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1886 to 1891

Salford Post Office Brass Band (Lancashire)

See: Salford Postmen's Brass Band

Salford Postmen's Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active from 1881 to the 1900s

Scarborough Postmen's Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Founded in 1887, conductor W.E. Cammish

South East Postmen's Brass Band (Lambeth, Surrey)

Active in 1899, 1900, conductor W.J. Street

South Eastern District Telegraph Messengers' Brass Band (Bermondsey, Surrey)

Active in 1900

Southampton Post Office Brass Band (Hampshire)

Founded in 1900. First public appearance in July 1901. Active through to the 1910s. Had woodwind instruments included by 1911

Southampton Postmen's Band (Hampshire)

See: Southampton Post Office Brass Band

Southport Post Office Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s

Stapleton Post Office Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

Active in 1887

Swansea Postal and Telegraph Band (Glamorgan)

Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Bartlett in 1902

West London Letter Carriers' Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: West London Post Office Brass Band

West London Post Office Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1884, conductor Mr Thomas

York Postal Brass Band (Yorkshire)

Active in the 1930s to the 1950s

Service industries - prisons



Band of the Prison Guard, Dorchester

Dorchester Prison Guards Band (Dorset)

Active in the early 1900s through to WW1

Princetown Prison Officers' Brass Band (Devon)

Founded in April 1860, conductor Mr O'Brian. Still active in 1903. Conductor J. Thorne in 1897-1901

Transport - air



Britannia Airways Band

Aircraft Components Limited Band (Gloucestershire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Cheltenham Silver Band

Avro Works Band (Failsworth, Lancashire)

Active in the 1940s

Bristol Aero Works Band (Accrington, Lancashire)

See: Bristol Aeroplane Company Works Band

Bristol Aeroplane Company Works Band (Accrington, Lancashire)

Formed 1939 and still active in the early 1950s. Conductor T. Yabsley in 1939. Alwyn G. Lloyd

Bristol Aircraft Company Works Band (Accrington, Lancashire)

See: Bristol Aeroplane Company Works Band

Britannia Airways Band (Derbyshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills Band

British Aerospace (Chadderton) Band (Newton Heath, Lancashire)

See: Newton Heath Brass Band (2)

British Aerospace (Manchester) Band (Newton Heath, Lancashire)

See: Newton Heath Brass Band (2)

British Aerospace Wingates Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Wingates Band

British Airways Band (Heathrow, Middlesex)

[current band] - Founded in 1972 - Former names: Silver Wing Band, British Airways Clubs Band

British Airways Clubs Band (Heathrow, Middlesex)

[previous name of current band] - see: British Airways Band

Cheltenham Silver Band (Gloucestershire)

[current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Dowty Brass Band / Aircraft Components Limited Band (to 1946), Cheltenham Spa Silver Band (to 1968). [Further information - see: Kippin, Mick - Cheltenham Silver Band, 1937-1989, (The first fifty years) - 1997]

City of Rochester Band (Kent)

See: Hobourn Aero Works Band

De Havilland Works Band (Hertfordshire)

Active in the 1940s, linked to the factory at Hatfield.

Fairey Aviation Works Band (Stockport, Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Fairey FP (Music) Band

Fairey FP (Music) Band (Stockport, Cheshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Fairey Aviation Works Band, Fairey Engineering Band, Williams Fairey Engineering Band, Williams Fairey Band. [Further information - see: Anon - Williams Fairey Band 1937-1987; Mutum, Tim - A 75 year-old Fairey tale - British Bandsman - (5699) 07-Jan 2012, pp. 5-7]

Hobourn Aero Works Band (Rochester, Kent)

Formed post WW2. Linked to the Hobourn Aero Components Company. Active from the late 1940s until it amalgamated with Medway Imperial Silver Band to form the current Medway Towns Band. Renamed City of Rochester Band at some point.

Hobourn's Works Rochester City Band (Kent)

See: Hobourn Aero Works Band

Miles Aircraft Works Brass Band (Berkshire)

Active in the 1940s, after WW2. The works were based at Woodley Aerodrome, near Reading.

Newton Heath Brass Band (2) (Lancashire)

Probably formed after WW1, active from the 1930s through until it disbanded in 1999. Later known as Newton Heath W.M.C. and Institute Band to 1985, then British Aerospace (Manchester) Band and finally British Aerospace (Chadderton) Band. [Further information - see: Hinchley, L - The History of a Brass Band 1941-1994 (British Aerospace (Chadderton) Band) - 1994]

Rochester City Band (Kent)

See: Hobourn Aero Works Band

Rolls Royce (Crewe Division) Band (Cheshire)

Active in the 1940s

Rolls Royce (Derby) Band (Derbyshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1935

Rolls Royce (Northern Factories) Band (Barnoldswick, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Had a brief but successful existence during the 1950's and 60's competing at Belle Vue on numerous occasions (Senior Trophy).

Short's Works Brass Band (Rochester, Kent)

Based at the Short Brothers aircraft factory for a short period after WW2. Presumed to have folded when Short Brothers moved their main based from Kent to Belfast in 1948.

Silver Wing Band (Heathrow, Middlesex)

[previous name of current band] - see: British Airways Band

Vickers Crayford Brass Band (Kent)

Active in the 1920s

Transport – buses & trams



Birkenhead Corporation Motors and Tramways Silver Band

Band of the Metropolitan Electric Tramways (Middlesex)

A military-style band, not exclusively brass

Barking Garage (L.G.O.C.) Silver Band (Essex)

Active in 1916. Still active in the 1930s. Busmen and others from the London General Omnibus Company garages at Barking.

Birkenhead Corporation Motors and Tramways Silver Band (Cheshire)

Active in the 1930s

Birkenhead Transport Brass Band (Cheshire)

Active in the 1950s to the 1970s

Birmingham Cable Tram Band (Warwickshire)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Birmingham Corporation Tramways Band (Warwickshire)

Founded around 1906

Bradford Tramways Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Conductor Vincent Calverley around 1930. Still active in 1934

Brighton and Hove City Brass (Sussex)

[current band] - Founded in 1975 - Former names: Brighton Silver Band, Brighton Buses Band

Brighton Buses Band (Sussex)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Brighton and Hove City Brass*

Brighton Corporation Tramways Band (Sussex)

Active in 1908, still playing in 1945

Brighton Tramways Band (Sussex)

See: *Brighton Corporation Tramways Band*

Cardiff City Tramways Band (Glamorgan)

See: *Cardiff Corporation Transport Band*

Cardiff Corporation Tramways Band (Glamorgan)

See: Cardiff Corporation Transport Band

Cardiff Corporation Transport Band (Glamorgan)

Active from the early 1900s through to the 1960s.

Cardiff Transport Band (Glamorgan)

See: Cardiff Corporation Transport Band

City of Hull Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1989 - Former names: City of Hull Band (to 1992),

East Yorkshire Motor Services Brass Band to 2018

City of Sunderland Brass Band (Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1890 as Sunderland Temperance Brass Band - Conductor Tom Noble in 1892, S. Blackett in 1893-1898, James Thurlow in 1899-1904. J Moulding bandmaster in 1906. Former names: Sunderland Temperance Band, Sunderland Tramways Employees Band, Sunderland Transport Employees Band, Sunderland Borough Band (1974), City Of Sunderland Band (when Sunderland achieved city status) - Note: Amalgamated with Sunderland International Concert Band c. 1981/1982, which was a former Sunderland Education Authority Band that achieved high standards in the youth band scene, then later in the adult arena with good contest results before suddenly fading away hence the need to amalgamate! A concert in Roker Park in July 1904 was: Sons of Toil (J. Allan), Songs of Other Days (H. Round), Gipsy Queen (A. Greenwood), Happy Days in Dixie (T. Bidgood), The Death of Nelson (Braham), Memories of Britain (W. Rimmer), Beautiful Switzerland (Wright), Vesper Hymn (H. Round).

Coltness Iron Works Silver Band (Lanarkshire)

Formed in 1898. Principal cornet John Cuthbert and euphonium William Arnott in 1900. It became First Section Scottish Champions in 1907, 1941-3, 1945 and 1949. Following a difficult period after the ravages of the 1914-18 War, the band regained its former level and glory during the 1930s and 1940s. It became Newmains and District Colliery Band in the 1950s to 1970s, then Hutchinsons Coaches Band in the 1980s and early 1990s, reverting to Newmains Band before folding in the late 1990s.

Dick Kerr Brass Band (Preston, Lancashire)

See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Dick Kerr English Electrical Works Band (Preston, Lancashire)

See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Dronfield Band (Derbyshire)

Founded in 1970 - Former names: New Dronfield Band, Staveley Works Band (1984), Stagecoach East Midland Bus Company Band (1991-1994). Merged with Killamarsh Silver Band in 2010 to form Dronfield C.M.W. Band

Duple Coachworks Brass Band (Hendon, Middlesex)

Active in the 1940s and 1950s

DUT Yorkshire Imperial Band (Stourton, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Yorkshire Imperial Band

East Yorkshire Motor Services Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Hull Band

East Yorkshire Motors (Sharlston) Band (Sharlston, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sharlston Colliery Band

Eastern Coach Works Band (Lowestoft, Suffolk)

Active in the 1950s/60s. Now disbanded.

Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band (Preston, Lancashire)

Formed before 1900. In 1901 it advertised itself with "Besson's Prototype Instruments, New Uniforms, Up to Date Music" and the secretary was J.W. Laycock, chairman G.M. Browell. Conductor W. Young in 1904. It was later known as Dick Kerr English Electrical Works Band in the 1920s and then later still, Blackburn's Steel Work's Band in the 1930s. Probably folded before or during WW2. Secretary J.W. Laycock in 1901. Some press cuttings about the band: Preston Guardian - 13th April 1901. "There was a Gala at Penwortham on Easter Monday. The Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band arranged the gathering. The band, some 27 strong, arranged in brand-new uniforms discoursed selections and dance music with considerable skill". Preston Herald - 3rd September 1902, "Preston Guild Processions. In the Trades Procession there were: - Electric Railway and Tramway Carriage Works Band. The Catholic Guild procession contained: Electric Car Works Band (Preston). The Church of England Schools had: Electric Car Works (Preston) Brass Band." Lancashire Daily Post - 31st December 1917 "1,500 children were entertained at the Public Hall on Saturday 29th to coffee, buns and fruit tart. 3,000 nearly swamped the Dick Kerr Band and watched pictures provided by Frank Foster of the Marathon. The event was organised by the Preston Borough Police for the poor children's fund." Lancashire Daily Post - 5th May 1919. "Dick Kerr's Band. Yesterday DKB gave two performances at PNE ground. Bad weather kept the crowds away but the poor crowd enjoyed playing that has rarely, if ever, been excelled by a local band. Further concert on Whit Sunday." Lancashire Daily Post - 3rd July 1926: "Sat 17th at Rob Green Farm, Fishwick, Preston Conservative Gala (Preston parks are not available for political events.) programme included The Dick, Kerr Prize Band playing for dancing." Preston Guardian - 1st December 1934. "Preston Band's Quartet Success. A Quartet from Blackburn Steel Works Band (Ex Dick Kerr's) won the Rushworth and Draper's Shield at Liverpool on Saturday. T. Berry, Solo Cornet, A. Whitehead, Second Cornet, L. Beck, Solo Horn and J. Dixon, Euphonium".

Electrical Carriage Works Band (Preston, Lancashire)

See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Electrical Railway and Tramway Carriage Works Brass Band (Preston, Lancashire)

See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Glasgow Corporation Transport Car Works Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Glasgow Corporation Transport Silver Band

Glasgow Corporation Transport Silver Band (Lanarkshire)

Formed in 1938 as Glasgow Corporation Transport Car Works Band. Still active in the mid 1950s

Glasgow Transport Band (Lanarkshire)

See: Glasgow Corporation Transport Silver Band

Greater Manchester Transport Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1980s

Hutchinsons Coaches Band (Coltness, Lanarkshire)

See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

Hyde Road (Manchester Tramways) Depot Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s

Jarrow Tramways Band (Durham)

Active in 1906 - a band consisting of workers on the tramway

L.C.C. Tramways Band (London)
Active in 1910

Leeds City Tramway Employees Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Leeds Tramways Band

Leeds Tramway Employees Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1901 (presumed to have folded prior to 1911 when the Leeds Tramways Band was formed)

Leeds Tramways Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Founded in 1911

Liverpool Corporation Passenger Tramways Band (Lancashire)
Active in the 1900s to 1937

Liverpool Corporation Passenger Transport Band (Lancashire)
Active in 1958 to 1962

London County Council Tramway Brotherhood Band (London)
Active in the 1900s

London General Omnibus Company Brass Band (Middlesex)
See: Barking Garage (L.G.O.C.) Silver Band

London Tramways Band (London)
Active in the 1930s

Luckett's Travel (Southsea) Band (Hampshire)
See: Southsea Silver Band

Manchester Corporation Tramways Band (Lancashire)
Active in the 1930s

Metropolitan Electric Tramways Band (London)
Active in 1909

Netherfield Railway Band (Nottinghamshire)
Founded in the 1890s by bandmaster Charles Robert Rodgers (another report gives the formation as 1902). In 1950 was renamed Carlton Silver Band, then Nottingham City Transport Band in 1988. The band spawned Carlton Brass (a junior section) in 1998, which went on to become the current Carlton Brass Band. The Nottingham City Transport Band folded in 2005.

Newcastle Corporation Transport Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
Formed 1907 as the Newcastle Tramways Band. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in 1949

Newcastle Tramways Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
See: Newcastle Corporation Transport Band

Newcastle Transport Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
See: Newcastle Corporation Transport Band

Nottingham City Transport Band (Nottinghamshire)
See: Netherfield Railway Band

Nottingham Passenger Transport Band (Nottinghamshire)
See: Netherfield Railway Band

Oldham Corporation Tramways Band (Lancashire)
Founded in 1907, folded in 1915

Oldham Tramways Band (Lancashire)
See: Oldham Corporation Tramways Band

Plymouth Corporation Tramways Band (Devon)
See: Plymouth Transport Brass Band

Plymouth Transport Brass Band (Devon)
Active in the 1920s

- Pontypridd Transport Band** (Glamorgan)
Active in the 1930s
- Preston Corporation Tramways Band** (Lancashire)
Active in the early 1900s
- Preston Electric Car Works Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band
- Preston Electric Works Band** (Lancashire)
See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band
- Rhondda Tramways Silver Band** (Glamorgan)
Active in the 1920s
- Salford Corporation Tramways Band** (Lancashire)
Active around 1900. This band was a mixed brass/wind band in instrumentation
- Salford Tramway Employees Band** (Lancashire)
Active in the early 1900s, conductor Mr Butler in 1904. Still active in 1908
- Sharlston Colliery Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in the 1980s. Merged with Yorkshire Evening Post Band, but then disbanded in 2002
- Sheffield Corporation Tramway Employees' Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Sheffield Transport Brass Band
- Sheffield Corporation Tramways and Motors Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Sheffield Transport Brass Band
- Sheffield Corporation Transport Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Sheffield Transport Brass Band
- Sheffield Tramways Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Sheffield Transport Brass Band
- Sheffield Transport Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Founded in late 1901, conductor Inspector H. Brook. First public appearance on 21 June 1902 at the Tramway Employees Gathering in Sheffield. In 1903 bandmaster was H. Brook, conductor J.A. Dyson. Active to the 1960s. Also known as Sheffield Tramways Band, Sheffield Corporation Transport/Tramways Band. Conductor J. Lundy in 1912. The band rehearsed at the power station at Kelham Island
- Soundwell Brass Band (2)** (Gloucestershire)
Active in the 1970s and early 1980s. Also known as Swanbrook Soundwell Band and Swanbrook Transport Band
- South Shields Tramways Band** (Durham)
See: South Shields Transport Band
- South Shields Transport Band** (Durham)
Active in the late 1900s. Still active in 1920. Also known as South Shields Tramways Band
- Southsea Silver Band** (Hampshire)
Active from the 1950s to the early 2000s. Renamed Lockett's Travel (Southsea) Band in 1985
- Stagecoach East Midland Bus Company Band** (Derbyshire)
See: Dronfield Band
- Stamford Hill Tramway Brotherhood Brass Band** (Middlesex)
Active in 1913. Part of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoons Brotherhood.
- Sunderland Tramways Employees Band** (Durham)
[previous name of current band] - see: City of Sunderland Brass Band

Sunderland Transport Employees Band (Durham)
[previous name of current band] - see: City of Sunderland Brass Band

Swanbrook Transport Band (Gloucestershire)
See: Soundwell Brass Band (2)

Swansea Improvement and Tramways Band (Glamorgan)
See: Swansea Tramways Band

Swansea Tramways Band (Glamorgan)
 Founded in 1902, still active in 1908. Conductor W. Maimone in 1904

Thomas Coaches Mid Rhondda Brass Band (Glamorgan)
[current band] - Founded in 1941 - Former names: Tonypandy Silver Band, Mid Rhondda Band (1949-1995) - Note: Formed from members of the Tonypandy Drum and Fife Band

Tramway Men's Brotherhood Band (London)
See: London County Council Tramway Brotherhood Band

West Yorkshire Motors (Sharlston) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Sharlston Colliery Band

Wilts and Dorset (Motor Services Ltd) Band (Hampshire)
 Active in the early 1950s - did not survive long.

York Tramways Band (Yorkshire)
 Active in 1913, bandmaster Mr Taylor. Mr Reeves bandmaster in 1914

Yorkshire Bus Company Band (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Yorkshire Transport Band

Yorkshire Imperial Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[current band] - Founded in 1999 - Note: Amalgamation of DUT Yorkshire Imperial Band and Rothwell Band

Yorkshire Imperial Urquhart Travel Band (Stourton, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Yorkshire Imperial Band

Yorkshire Traction Band (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Yorkshire Transport Band

Yorkshire Traction Honley (Yorkshire (West Riding))
[current band] - Founded in 1997

Yorkshire Transport Band (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Formed in September 1935. Also known as the Busman's Band, Yorkshire Bus Company Band, Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Sports Club Band. Merged with Honley Band in 1997 to form Yorkshire Traction Honley Band

Yorkshire Transport Sports Club Band (Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Yorkshire Transport Band

Transport - railway



Railway Associated City Brass Band

Abergavenny London and North Western Railway Band (Monmouthshire)
Active in 1894 through into the early 1900s. Conductor Mr Pople in 1897, G.E. Guy in 1903.

Alexandra Band of the Carriage and Wagon Department of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band

Alexandra L. and Y.R. Brass Band (Newton Heath, Lancashire)

See: Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band

Alexandra L.M.S. Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants' Brass Band (Colwick, Nottinghamshire)

See: Colwick Railway Servants' Brass Band

Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants' Orphan Fund Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Hull A.S.R.S Band

Ardsley Great Northern Railway Brass Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1898, 1899

Ashbury Carriage Company Brass Band (Openshaw, Lancashire)

Active in 1868, 1869

Ashford Railway Works Prize Band (Kent)

Active from the early 1900s through to the mid 1920s

Barrow L.M.S. Railway Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

Active in 1924. Conductor R. Brockbank in 1924, followed by W. Laycock

Barry Railway Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Founded in April 1892, with 19 members, conductor Arthur Lewis. Still active in 1893

Basingstoke Railway Temperance Brass Band (Hampshire)

Active in 1890. Still active in 1897. Conductor Mr Cook in 1894. Associated with the L. & S.W. Railway.

Bath Locomotive Brass Band (Somerset)

See: Somerset and Dorset Railway Brass Band

Bath Railway Brass Band (Somerset)

See: Somerset and Dorset Railway Brass Band

Bedford Midland Railway Brass Band (Bedfordshire)

Founded in 1900, conductor J. Tildesley, bandmaster J. Jones. Had included wind instruments in 1901. A subsequent report of a concert in February 1902, however, gives the formation date as "a few months earlier"

Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Brass Band (Belfast, County Antrim)

Active in 1872

Bescot and Walsall District Railway Traffic Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Bescot and Walsall District Railway Traffic Servants' Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Bescot L and NW Prize Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

Active in 1901 through to WW2. W. Robinson and Mr Ballinger were cornet players in the band in 1902

Bescot Railway Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Bescot Silver Prize Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

Amalgamated with Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band and Bloxwich British Legion Band during the Second World War. Newspaper report of 1922: "There were 750 participants, 200 more than the previous year, displaying their procreations under a marquee at Oxley Manor Park Estate. Additional fun and entertainment was provided by the perriots, competitions, sports, dancing and the "Bescot Silver Prize Band".

Bestcot and Walsall District Railway Servants' Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Bestcot Railwaymen Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Bethesda Railway Brass Band (Caernarfonshire)

Active in 1890

Beyer Peacock Works Brass Band (Lancashire)

See: Gorton Foundry Band

Birkenhead L. and N.W. Brass Band (Cheshire)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor J. Heron in 1899

Birkenhead London and North Western Railway Band (Cheshire)

See: Birkenhead L. and N.W. Brass Band

Birkenhead Railway Brass Band (1) (Cheshire)

Active in 1860

Birkenhead Railway Brass Band (2) (Cheshire)

See: Shore Road Station Brass Band

- Birkenhead Railway Brass Band (3)** (Cheshire)
See: Birkenhead L. and N.W. Brass Band
- Birmingham Carriage and Wagon Works Band** (Warwickshire)
See: Metropolitan Works Band
- Birmingham Metropolitan Works Band** (Warwickshire)
See: Metropolitan Works Band
- Birmingham Midland Railway Brass Band** (Warwickshire)
 Active in 1863, conductor Mr Blandford
- Bletchley Locomotive Brass Band** (Buckinghamshire)
See: Bletchley Station Brass Band
- Bletchley Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Buckinghamshire)
See: Bletchley Station Brass Band
- Bletchley Station Brass Band (1)** (Buckinghamshire)
 Formed in late 1887 with railway employees. Disbanded around 1901. Associated with the railway station in Bletchley. Conductor G. Cook in 1892. A successor band was formed in 1903.
- Bletchley Station Brass Band (2)** (Buckinghamshire)
 Founded in spring 1903. Active through to the 1930s. Associated with the railway station in Bletchley. There is a picture of the band in H. Gregg's book "Town of Trains", dated 1920's. Conductor A. Boughton in 1903-1904, C.E. Tregenza in 1910, C. Essen in 1912-1927, C. Burt in 1936.
- Blyth L.N.E.R. Band** (Northumberland)
 Formed in 1921 and still active in the late 1950s
- Blyth N. E. Railway Band** (Northumberland)
See: Blyth L.N.E.R. Band
- Boston Railwaymen's Brass Band** (Lincolnshire)
 Founded in spring 1905, conductor C.T. Scargall. First public appearance on Sunday 30th July 1905. [Further information - see: Anon - Boston Railwaymen's Band - Lincolnshire Life, Vol 10, no 7, Sep 1970, pp. 24]
- Bradford Midland Railway Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1863
- Bradford Railway Foundry Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1850s
- Bridlington North Eastern Railway Band** (Yorkshire (East Riding))
 Active in 1896 through to 1905. Also known as Bridlington Railway Servants' Brass Band
- Bridlington Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Yorkshire (East Riding))
See: Bridlington North Eastern Railway Band
- Bridlington Railway Station Brass Band** (Yorkshire (East Riding))
See: Bridlington North Eastern Railway Band
- Brighton Railway Works Band** (Sussex)
 Active in 1852 through to the mid 1920s. Bandmaster in 1882 was Mr Hebling.
- Bristol and District N.U.R. Band** (Gloucestershire)
 Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s
- Bristol and Exeter Railway Carriage Department Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
See: Bristol and Exeter Sheds Operatives Brass Band
- Bristol and Exeter Sheds Operatives Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
 Active in 1859 to 1864

British Railways (Eastern Region) Band (Gorton, Lancashire)

See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

British Railways (Gorton Works) Band (Lancashire)

See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

British Railways (Manchester) Band (Lancashire)

See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

British Railways (Mirfield) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in 1946, active through the 1950s

British Railways (Sheffield) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1949 and 1950s

British Railways Silver Band (Swindon) (Wiltshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Swindon Pegasus Brass

Brompton Railway Mission Brass Band (Kent)

Active in the 1900s

Caledonia Railway Brass Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)

Active in 1881

Caledonian Railways Brass Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)

Active in 1863, conductor E. Wren

Cambridge Railway Band (Cambridgeshire)

Founded in late 1892 as the Great Eastern Railway Brass Band, conductor E. Johnson, president W.R. Bright. Gave their second public concert on 30 December 1892. Active to the 1930s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Took part in a contest in Cambridge Guildhall in 1925 which it won to great excitement. "There was a furore of applause from the large audience present, and the bandsmen themselves momentarily lost their heads in their enthusiasm. The dignity of the large hall, which had rung for well nigh two hours with the blare of brass instruments was quite forgotten. Hats were thrown high into the air and trombones and cornets waved to delighted friends among the audience."

Cambridge Railway Silver Band (Cambridgeshire)

See: Cambridge Railway Band

Camden Locomotive Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1870 to 1876. Conductor J. Baldwin in 1874

Camden London and North Western Railway Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1899, conductor D.T. Jackson. Conductor W.T. Jackson in 1900. Still active in 1902. Also known as North West United Camden Brass Band

Camden Station Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Camden Locomotive Brass Band

Camden Steam Shed Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Camden Locomotive Brass Band

Cardiff Great Western Railway Good Depot Band (Glamorgan)

See: Cardiff Great Western Railway Workers Band (2)

Cardiff Great Western Railway Workers Band (1) (Glamorgan)

See: Great Western Cardiff Brass Band

Cardiff Great Western Railway Workers Band (2) (Glamorgan)

Founded in 1901. Active through to the 1930s. Associated with the G.W.R. Widows and Orphans' Fund in its early years

Castle Bytham Railway Mission Brass Band (Lincolnshire)

See: Castle Bytham Wesleyan Brass Band

Castle Bytham Wesleyan Brass Band (Lincolnshire)

Founded in autumn 1890. Still active in 1903. Conductor Mr Dawson in 1892.

Also known as Castle Bytham Railway Mission Brass Band

Cheshire Lines Railway Brass Band (Birkenhead, Cheshire)

See: Shore Road Station Brass Band

Cheshire Lines Railway Brass Band (Liverpool, Cheshire)

Active in 1891. Contemporary with the Cheshire Lines Railway Brass Band in Birkenhead. A concert in June 1902, conducted by Robert Rimmer, was: Stars and Stripes (Sousa), Arcadia (Karl Somers), Jolly Jape (S. Douglas), Cascade of Rubies (W. Rimmer), On the Prom (T. Harris), The Coronation (Percy Godfrey), Melodies of Europe (W. Rimmer), The Coloured Patrol (Hiram Eden), Love's Greeting (W. Roche), Goodbye Dolly Gray (Edward St Quentin), and Erin (W.H. Lee).

Chester Railway Brass Band (Cheshire)

Active in 1840

Child's Hill Locomotive Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1891, conductor Mr Goddard. Still active in 1904. Also known as Midland Railway Loco Works Band, St Pancras Midland Railway Band. Bandmaster F. Watson in 1894-1896, H. Williams in 1902. Secretary A.O. Bradley in 1894

City of Exeter Railway Band (Devon)

[current band] - Founded in 1945 - Former names: Exeter & District Southern Railways Band, Exeter British Railways (Southern Region) Band, Exeter British Rail Band

Clapham Junction Railway Signalman's Brass Band (Surrey)

Founded in early 1878, conductor Mr Hunter. First public concert at the Lammas Hall, Battersea on Thursday 4th April 1878

Clayton Steam Sheds Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Clayton Subscription Band

Clayton Subscription Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active from the 1870s through to WW2. Lost some players to Bradford City Band in 1899. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Also known as Clayton Silver Band, and referred to as Clayton Steam Sheds Band in 1936. H. Craven played Eb Bass in 1901. [Further information - see: Stephenson, Sherwin - Clayton Silver Prize Band, in *Reminiscences of Clayton* - 'Ahr Village. Clayton 1881-1953' - the author, 1953]

Coal and Wagon Works Band (Radstock, Somerset)

See: Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band

Colwick Railway Men's Band (Nottinghamshire)

See: Colwick Railway Servants' Brass Band

Colwick Railway Servants' Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1899 and into the 1900s

Cotton Lane Brass Band (Litchurch, Derbyshire)

Active in 1863. The band was formed of workmen from Messrs Eastwood and Sons' at the Railway Iron Works, Cotton Lane, Litchurch, Derby. In 1864 they led the company workers on a procession to the station, and thence to Buxton for a day's excursion.

Craven's Works Brass Band (Darnall, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1890s and through to at least 1919. Craven's produced railway carriages and wagons

Crewe Carriage Works Brass Band (Cheshire)

Founded in autumn 1881, conductor Mr Ridgway. Still active in 1904. Conductor James Delves in 1889-1904. Contemporary with the Crewe Steam Sheds Band

Crewe Locomotive Steam Works Band (Cheshire)

See: Crewe Steam Sheds Band

Crewe Railway Engineers Brass Band (Cheshire)

See: Crewe Steam Sheds Band

Crewe Steam Sheds Band (Cheshire)

Founded in 1863. Active to the 1930s. Leader Mr Lockley (manager of the steam sheds department at the railway works) in 1863. Conductor George Rogerson in 1868, Mr Lawton in 1880. Competed in the Grand Shield in 1936 and the Senior Cup in 1937. Also known as Crewe Railway Engineers Brass Band

Crewe Wagon Works Brass Band (Cheshire)

See: Crewe Carriage Works Brass Band

Cricklewood Loco Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Cricklewood Midland Locomotive Brass Band

Cricklewood Midland Locomotive Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in the 1890s. Still active in 1903. Conductor W.F. Gilyatt in 1903

Darlington British Railways Band (Durham)

See: Darlington North Eastern Railway Band

Darlington North Eastern Railway Band (Durham)

Formed in the late 1830s and became all brass by 1860. Active in 1913 and through to the 1960s

Darlington Works Brass Band (Southwark, Surrey)

See: Messrs Stevens and Sons Brass Band

Davis Derby Brass Band (Derbyshire)

See: Derby Railway Works Band

Deptford Railway Amateur Brass Band (Kent)

Active in 1845

Derby Midland Railway Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1858, conductor Mr Cubley. Still active in 1880. Conductor P Crompton in 1860, W. Waring in 1866, E. Green in 1870

Derby Railway Iron Works Band (Derbyshire)

See: Cotton Lane Brass Band

Derby Railway Works Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1959. Changed sponsor and became Davis Derby Brass Band in or around 1985, then amalgamated with Neville Brass to form Derwent Brass in 1992.

District Railway Servants' Brass Band (West Brompton, Middlesex)

Active in 1885, conductor Mr Exall

Doncaster Loco Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in June 1852 with £50 spent on instruments. Celebrated an anniversary supper on 28 June 1853 with 66 persons present. On 5 June 1854 it accompanied the children of the Doncaster Plant Works school to Askern Spa on the occasion of the laying of the Plant School foundation stone. It did not survive much beyond this and did not have a regular bandmaster or musical director.

Doncaster National Union of Railwaymen Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Doncaster NUR Band

Doncaster NUR Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active around 1928 until at least 1931, the National Union of Railwaymen's band played in Elmfield Park, Doncaster on 16 August 1931 under the baton of JW Ellis.

Doncaster Plant Works Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Great Northern Railway Plant Works Band

Doncaster Railway Foundry Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Took part in the first South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Doncaster, on 29th August 1859

Dore Midland Railway Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1880, conductor G. Elliott

Dubs Loco Works Brass Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)

Founded in 1900. Dubs and Company was a locomotive works in Polmadie, Glasgow, founded by Henry Dubs in 1863. 1903 It became part of the North British Locomotive Company. They built 4,485 locomotives. The band was still active in 1906

Earlestown Viaduct Brass Band (Lancashire)

Founded in early 1882. Active through to the late 1940s. Conductor R. Davies in 1887, Mr Higson in 1888. Associated with the L. & N.W. Railway Company wagon works.

Earlestown Wagon Works Brass Band (Lancashire)

See: Earlestown Viaduct Brass Band

Eastern Counties Railway Brass Band (Stratford, Essex)

Active in 1857, when it played at the funeral of William Spooner, 29, one of its players. Bandmaster was Mr. Nunn. Still active in 1865

Eastern Counties Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps Brass Band (Stratford, Essex)

Formed in 1860, of employees at the works. Presumed to be separate to the works band active in 1857.

Eastleigh Mechanical Engineers Band (Hampshire)

See: Eastleigh Railway Works Brass Band

Eastleigh Railway Works Brass Band (Hampshire)

Active in 1891 - linked to the South Western Railway Institute. Active through to WW1. Conductor W.G. Hedges in 1904

Eastleigh Works Brass Band (Hampshire)

See: Eastleigh Railway Works Brass Band

Edge Hill (British Railways) Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Formed in 1879 as the Edge Hill Steam Sheds Band. Active to the mid-1990s. Bandmaster Mr Goddard in 1881, M. O'Callaghan in 1884, conductor W.J. Williams. From 1884 until the amalgamation of the various Railways it was known as the Edge Hill L. & N.W.R. Traffic Band, and from this period onwards it took its present name. Its first success in competition was at Colwyn Bay, New Year's Day, 1912. It was making great progress from that time until the outbreak of War, when many of its members were called up for military service. The band folded in the 1990s [Further information: a collection of items relating to the band can be found at www.edgehillstation.co.uk]

Edge Hill Locomotive Department Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: Edge Hill (British Railways) Band

Edge Hill London and North Western Railway Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: Edge Hill (British Railways) Band

Edge Hill Steam Sheds Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)
See: Edge Hill (British Railways) Band

Edgehill Steam Sheds Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)
See: Edge Hill (British Railways) Band

Ely Railway Silver Band (Cambridgeshire)
 Active in the 1920s

Eston Junction Railway Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))
 Active in 1862

Exeter and District Southern Railways Band (Devon)
[previous name of current band] - see: City of Exeter Railway Band

Exeter British Railways (Southern Region) Band (Devon)
[previous name of current band] - see: City of Exeter Railway Band

Exeter Railway Band (Devon)
[previous name of current band] - see: City of Exeter Railway Band

Fulham Railway Mission Brass Band (Middlesex)
 Active in 1895, conductor Mr Bransgrove

Furness Railway Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)
 Founded in 1922

G.C.R. Subscription Band (London)
See: Great Central and Metropolitan Band

G.E.R. Brass Band (March, Cambridgeshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: March Brass 2000

G.E.R. Brass Band (Cambridge, Cambridgeshire)
See: Cambridge Railway Band

G.N.R. Locomotive Department Brass Band (Peterborough, Northamptonshire)
See: Peterborough Great Northern Railway Locomotive Brass Band

G.W.R. (Widows and Orphans) Brass Band (Taunton, Somerset)
See: Taunton G.W.R. Employees Brass Band

G.W.R. and Metropolitan Band (London)
 Active in the 1950s

G.W.R. and Paddington Borough Silver Band (London)
 Active from the early 1900s to the 1920s. In the mid 1920s it converted to a military band format, becoming the Great Western Railway Staff Military Band. It still exists today as the GWR Paddington Band in that format.

G.W.R. Employees Brass Band (Taunton, Somerset)
See: Taunton G.W.R. Employees Brass Band

G.W.R. Institute Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)
See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

G.W.R. Temperance Union Brass Band (Swindon, Wiltshire)
 Active in 1897, conductor J.H. Garrett

Gateshead L.N.E.R. Band (Durham)
 Active in 1932

Glasgow Loco Works Brass Band (Lanarkshire)
 Active in 1901 through to the 1920s. Won first place in a contest held 1 December 1917 at Waverley Market, Edinburgh, in aid of Harry Lauder's Fund for Scottish Sailors and Soldiers. The works were operated by Dübs & Co., founded by Henry Dübs in 1863 and based at the Queens Park Works in Polmadie. In 1903 it became part of the North British Locomotive Company.

Glasgow Locomotive Brass Band (Lanarkshire)
See: Glasgow Loco Works Brass Band

Gloucester Carriage Works Band (Gloucestershire)

See: Gloucester Wagon Works Band

Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Company's Brass Band (Gloucestershire)

See: Gloucester Wagon Works Band

Gloucester Wagon Company Silver Band (Gloucestershire)

See: Gloucester Wagon Works Band

Gloucester Wagon Works Band (Gloucestershire)

Formed in the 1860s, still active in 1929. Conductor J.G. Dyer in 1908

Gorton Foundry Band (Lancashire)

Active from 1880. Still active in 1893. Conductor Thomas German in 1880-1887, Mr Blamphin in 1888, G. Harker in 1889. Based at Beyer Peacock Ltd, Gorton, manufacturer of locomotive engines (some 8,000 were built there between 1855 and 1966)

Gorton L.N.E.R. Works Band (Lancashire)

See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

Great Central and Metropolitan Band (London)

Founded in 1900. When Gladstone Park opened in 1901, brass bands were enjoying a period of great popularity. The group chosen to play at the park was the Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's Band; a joining together of musicians from one-time rival bands. Initially the Local Government Board in Whitehall would not permit the band to be paid, so for some years the musicians were allowed to charge the public for chairs and programmes. Later the rules were changed and the band got a seasonal fee of £35 for the Sunday recitals, which was increased to a £50 when Thursday (early closing) performances were added by 1909. They retained their right to sell programs and charge for chairs. So popular were the concerts that the Council offered little resistance to the band's suggestion that a proper bandstand should be provided. On 28th February 1905 Robson was instructed to prepare a plan and estimates for a covered bandstand, and the next month his costing of £176 was agreed. The resulting rustic thatched structure, which was placed a little to the east of the baths, had all the hallmarks of a Robson special. In 1912 it was insured for £325 against fire. As early as 1910 the Council was considering providing electric lighting to the bandstand but it was not until 1945 that it was agreed that this should go ahead at a cost of £149. Many special events were supported. In 1911 the band gave a special recital to honour the coronation of George V (for which they were paid £15), a 'massed band concert' was permitted on Sunday 4th June from 3pm to 5pm, and in 1915 they organised dances on one Thursday evening per month during the season. The joint band entered many competitions, such as the annual Crystal Palace contests from 1904 onwards, eventually becoming the 'Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's (Silver) Prize Band'. At the 1923 competition they won second prize. The band were to be regular performers at Gladstone Park until 1920 when they refused the Council's offer of £50 for Sunday concerts for the season and requested £6 6s per performance. The Council did not agree and engaged the National Union of Railwaymen (Neasden No.1 Branch) Orphan Fund Band in their place. In 1924 the Great Central and Metropolitan Silver Prize band were approached again but stated they were not prepared to do Sunday evening performances as they had a contract with London County Council (possibly for appearing in Queen's Park). Perhaps they had become too grand. By 1928 the birds had taken most of the thatch off the bandstand.

The Council's Outdoor Committee recommended that it be tiled, as re-thatching costs would be prohibitive. The band provided music at the S. Smith and Sons (M.A.) Limited's Sports at Dollis Hill, Neasden in August 1923, and again in 1925. The band was still active in the early 1960s.

Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's (Silver) Prize Band (London)

See: Great Central and Metropolitan Band

Great Central Railway Band (London)

See: Great Central and Metropolitan Band

Great Central Railway Band (Northamptonshire)

Based at Woodford Halse, which stood on the GCR main line. Active from the early 1900s to after WW1.

Great Central Railway Servants' Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1899 and through the 1900s

Great Eastern Railway Band (Cambridge, Cambridgeshire)

See: Cambridge Railway Band

Great Eastern Railway Band (Ipswich, Suffolk)

Active in the 1860s, conductor Mr Dunt

Great Eastern Railway Cambridge Silver Band (Cambridgeshire)

See: Cambridge Railway Band

Great Eastern Railway Works Band (Stratford, Essex)

Active in 1854 to the 1920s. Conductor R. Hirst in 1860, W.J. Lancaster in 1895, H. Neale in 1919

Great Northern Loco Band (Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Doncaster Loco Band

Great Northern Railway Brass Band (Peterborough, Northamptonshire)

See: Peterborough Great Northern Railway Locomotive Brass Band

Great Northern Railway Plant Works Band (Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Also known as the Doncaster Plant Works Band. Formed in 1856 and conducted by George Birkinshaw (father of the famous Black Dyke cornet player and celebrated by William Rimmer's march "Viva Birkinshaw!"). Its original composition was two sopranos, six cornopeans, two tenor horns, one baritone, three trombones, two ophicleides, one Eb bass bombardon, and percussion. The band won many prizes between 1859 and 1861 and played many arrangements and compositions of marches and waltzes by Birkinshaw. Including 3rd prize at Lincoln on 6 June 1859, and 1st prize, gaining £15, at Peterborough on 5 September 1859 (where the bandsmen had to "defend themselves physically against disappointed rivals afterwards!"), and 2nd prize at the contest at the Botanical Gardens in Sheffield in 1860. Renamed Doncaster Volunteer Band in 1859. Birkinshaw introduced his own brass band compositions in concerts given out of doors in the town: Festive Polka, Rouse Polka, the galop Spring Flowers, Pas Redouble, at least one march, a cornet trio and an arrangement for three cornets of "Lift Thine Eyes" from Elijah. In one 1859 Doncaster concert Birkinshaw conducted Jullien's Mary Ann Polka and French Quadrille. Birkinshaw left the band in 1865, but it continued successfully under the batons of J Redfern, S Wilson and Mr Salmon, until it disbanded when the Volunteers were absorbed into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment in 1908.

- Great Western Brass Band** (Reading, Berkshire)
- Great Western Cardiff Brass Band** (Glamorgan)
Active in 1890, conductor Paul Draper. Still active in 1895. A successor band (the Cardiff Great Western Railway Workers Band) was formed in 1901
- Great Western Company Employees' Brass Band** (Cardiff, Glamorgan)
See: Great Western Cardiff Brass Band
- Great Western Foundry Brass Band** (Reading, Berkshire)
See: Reading Foundry Brass Band
- Great Western Institute Brass Band** (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)
See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band
- Great Western Paddington Brass Band** (Middlesex)
Active in 1856 to 1897. Conductor Mr Hattersley in 1860, M. Seaman in 1884-1885. Attached to the 33rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteers in the early 1860s
- Great Western Pontypridd Band** (Glamorgan)
- Great Western Railway (Paddington) Band** (London)
See: G.W.R. and Paddington Borough Silver Band
- Great Western Railway (Swindon) Band** (Wiltshire)
The Musical Times in 1847 stated "In the large workshops of the Great Western Railway, at Swindon, a number of these men have combined to make a most excellent orchestra, seconded by the liberality and encouragement which seems to pervade the Company's arrangement at this village, for the benefit, improvement and amusement of their workmen." Conductor Mr Oldland in 1853. It was still active in 1893, but had folded by the early 1900s when a later Swindon band arose, also to be associated with the railway.
- Great Western Railway Brass Band** (Swindon, Wiltshire)
See: Great Western Railway (Swindon) Band
- Great Western Railway Brass Band** (Taunton, Somerset)
See: Taunton G.W.R. Employees Brass Band
- Great Western Railway Brass Band** (Worcester, Worcestershire)
Active in 1888
- Great Western Railway Carriage Works Brass Band** (Paddington, Middlesex)
See: Great Western Paddington Brass Band
- Great Western Railway Institute Brass Band** (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)
See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band
- Great Western Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Cardiff, Glamorgan)
See: Great Western Cardiff Brass Band
- Great Western Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Paddington, Middlesex)
See: Great Western Paddington Brass Band
- Great Western Railway Social, Education and Union Association Band** (Wiltshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Swindon Pegasus Brass
- Great Western Railway Widows' and Orphans' Fund Brass Band** (Cardiff, Glamorgan)
See: Great Western Cardiff Brass Band
- Great Western Railway Works Brass Band** (Reading, Berkshire)
See: Reading Foundry Brass Band
- Grimsby Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Lincolnshire)
Active in 1883. Renamed as Grimsby County Brass Band in November 1897.
- Hartlepool North Eastern Railway Servants' Benevolent Brass Band** (Durham)
See: West Hartlepool N.E.R. Band

Hartlepool Railway Servants' Benevolent Brass Band (Durham)

See: West Hartlepool N.E.R. Band

Hastings Southern Railway Band (Sussex)

Active in 1928.

Hawthorn's Locomotive Works Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

See: Messrs Hawthorn's Works Brass Band

Hereford Railway Brass Band (Herefordshire)

Founded in 1858, still active in 1863

Highbridge Locomotive Brass Band (Somerset)

Active in 1873, conductor J. Viney

Hillhouse L.M.S. Railway Steam Shed Band (Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1920s

Hockley Railway Military Brass Band (Warwickshire)

Active in 1899

Horwich L and Y Brass Band (Lancashire)

Formed in 1889 by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, three years after the opening of the new Locomotive Works in Horwich. Although a 'crack' team of players was put together in 1912, they never seem to have reached the same heights as the RMI Band. The band had been disbanded by 1930. Conductor Richard Millington in 1894-1905

Horwich Loco Works Band (Lancashire)

See: Horwich L and Y Brass Band

Horwich Railway Mechanics Institute Band (Lancashire)

See: Horwich RMI Band (1)

Horwich RMI Band (1) (Lancashire)

Directors of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company were dismayed by the lack of success by their band, The Horwich L and Y Band. So in 1912 the Chief Mechanical Engineer George Hughes suggested holding auditions for new players. Only one member of the original band was successful in retaining his place, the rest of the band was obviously slightly upset by this outcome and decided to form their own band under the umbrella of the RMI. Therefore the Horwich RMI came into being in late 1912. Success was to come quickly; in 1915 the band came second to Foden's Works Band in the Spring Belle Vue contest. In the same year, after a strike at Elworth (Foden's Factory), a dozen players who had been prominent in the picket lines were fired. They promptly moved to Horwich and took great pleasure in beating their old firm at Belle Vue in 1916 and 1917. Their height came in 1922, winning the Crystal Palace 1000 guinea trophy making them champions of Great Britain. Something that the L and Y Band would never achieve. Mr Riley, the band secretary, put together an ingenious method of raising funds in the early days of the band. A membership scheme was started whereby 360 employees of the L and Y Company would have a small deduction made from their wages; in return they received two tickets to three summer concerts, this scheme continued right into the 1930's. Thereafter, the band played many summer engagements at various holiday resorts on the south coast. Unfortunately, due to the recession and subsequent lay-off of its' members, Horwich R.M.I. Band collapsed as a contest band in 1931. In the intervening years, they were something of a legend. In 1953 the Bolton Evening News ran a series of articles again on the Brass Bands of Bolton. RMI featuring in one of them, the then band secretary

a Mr Hill, stated that times had been hard but they were on the up. The band had disbanded by the late 1950's. The Bandstand at Horwich Works recreation ground was built in 1907 and was used by the works' brass band for concerts.

Huddersfield L.M.S. Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1930s

Hull A.S.R.S Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in 1880. Still active in 1914. The band of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants' Orphan Fund. Conductor Mr Barnet in 1880, Ernest Hurd in 1892, George Healey in 1895, F.W. Brook in 1896. A concert programme in July 1894 was: March, Sleep of Diana (Blegar), Evening Thoughts (Frost), Richelieu (Robinson), Il Guiremento, The Heavens are Telling (Haydn), Cross of Honour (Wadson), Armanda (Wadson). In March 1899 the band broke away from the A.S.R.S. and set itself up as a private brass band under the name Hull City Brass Band, with secretary F. Blythe. Edward Pearcey was Bandmaster in 1913.

Hull Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Hull A.S.R.S Band

Hull North East Railway Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Hull A.S.R.S Band

Hull Railway Servants Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Hull A.S.R.S Band

Hull Railwaymen's Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in the 1950s to 1970s

Ipswich Railway Mission Brass Band (Suffolk)

Active in 1901

Kettering Midland Railway Brass Band (Northamptonshire)

Active from 1901 to WW1.

Kilmarnock Railway Works Brass Band (Ayrshire)

Active in 1863

King's Lynn Railway Band (Norfolk)

Active around 1910

Kirkdale Railway Servants' Brass Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1880, 1881

L. and N.W. Employees (Birkenhead) Brass Band (Birkenhead, Cheshire)

See: Birkenhead L. and N.W. Brass Band

L. and N.W. Steam Shed Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active in the 1880s

L. and N.W. Viaduct Institute Brass Band (Earlestown, Lancashire)

See: Earlestown Viaduct Brass Band

L. and S.W. Locomotive Works Band (Nine Elms, Surrey)

See: London and South Western Railway Band

L. and S.W. Railway Brass Band (Salisbury, Wiltshire)

Active in 1887

L. and S.W. Railway Brass Band (Southampton, Hampshire)

Active in 1892

L. and Y.R. Alexandra Band (Newton Heath, Lancashire)

See: Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band

L.M. and S. Railway St John Ambulance Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1920s. Still active in 1928

- L.M.S. Alexandra Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
See: Alexandra L.M.S. Brass Band
- L.M.S. Brass Band** (Stockport, Cheshire)
 Active in 1930 and into the 1950s
- L.M.S. Manchester Band** (Lancashire)
 Active in 1895
- L.M.S. Railway Band** (Southport, Lancashire)
See: Southport L.M.S. Railway Band
- L.M.S. Works Silver Band** (Derby, Derbyshire)
 Formed in November 1936
- L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band** (Lancashire)
 Active in the 1930s and 1940s. Pre-war the Geff Benson was musical director of the band, which was based in Cornwall Street, Openshaw. Also possibly known as LNER (Manchester District) Silver Prize Band - under which name they were a prizewinner at the Leicester contest on 5th March 1938, and also winning a deportment prize at a contest in Salford in May 1930. (See also, possibly, Gorton and Openshaw Prize Silver Band). Renamed (for a time) British Railways (Eastern Region) Band in 1948 when the region was created. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by J. Hall
- L.N.E.R. (Manchester District) Silver Prize Band** (Lancashire)
See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band
- L.N.E.R. Works Silver Band** (Shildon, Durham)
See: Shildon British Railways Band
- L.N.W.R. Manchester Brass Band** (Lancashire)
 Active in the 1900s to WW1.
- Lancashire and Yorkshire (Carriage Department) Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
See: Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band
- Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band** (Newton Heath, Lancashire)
 Active in 1883 to the 1900s. Conductor T. W. Locking/Lockett in 1890-1892. Frank Owen became conductor in 1902. Also known as Newton Heath Steam Shed Brass Band
- Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Band** (Southport, Lancashire)
See: Southport Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Band
- Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Loco Works Band** (Horwich, Lancashire)
 Active in 1890 to 1905
- Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Miles Platting Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Miles Platting Brass Band
- Lancaster Sheds Brass Band** (Lancaster, Lancashire)
 Active in 1863, probably based at the Lancaster Green Ayre depot
- Leeds Railway Foundry Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Founded in 1851. Leader Mr Lambert in 1853. Active through to the 1860s. Based at Sir P. Fairbairn's foundry. Also known as Wellington Foundry Band.
- Leicester Midland Railway Workmen's Band** (Leicestershire)
 Active in 1891 through into the 1900s
- Leicester Railwaymen's Club Band** (Leicestershire)
 Active in the 1950s
- Litchurch Iron Works and Victoria Foundry Saxhorn Band** (Derbyshire)
See: Cotton Lane Brass Band

- Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway (Alexandra Docks) Band** (Lancashire)
See: Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band
- Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band** (Lancashire)
 Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Frank Howells resigned in 1901 to be succeeded by C. Elsom. Also known as Bootle Alexandra Band and Alexandra Docks Band
- Liverpool North End Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Lancashire)
 Active in 1878
- Liverpool Road Brass Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
See: Liverpool Road L. and N.W. Brass Band
- Liverpool Road Goods Station Brass Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
See: Liverpool Road L. and N.W. Brass Band
- Liverpool Road L. and N.W. Brass Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
 Active in the mid-1890s to WW1.
- Locomotive and Carriage Department Brass Band** (Surrey)
See: London and South Western Railway Locomotive and Carriage Department Brass Band
- London and Brighton Railway Brass Band** (Kent)
 Active in 1870, conductor Mr Woodhead
- London and North Western Artisan Staff Brass Band** (Watford, Hertfordshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Watford Band
- London and North Western Brass Band** (Abergavenny, Monmouthshire)
See: Abergavenny London and North Western Railway Band
- London and North Western Brass Band** (Wolverton, Buckinghamshire)
See: Wolverton Carriage Works Brass Band
- London and North Western Carriage Works Band** (Crewe, Cheshire)
See: London and North Western Railway Crewe Works Band
- London and North Western Carriage Works Brass Band** (Birmingham, Warwickshire)
 Active in 1863
- London and North Western Garston Brass Band** (Liverpool, Lancashire)
See: Garston Docks Brass Band
- London and North Western Railway Band** (Watford, Hertfordshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Watford Band
- London and North Western Railway Band** (Birkenhead, Cheshire)
See: Birkenhead L. and N.W. Brass Band
- London and North Western Railway Band** (Edge Hill, Lancashire)
See: Edge Hill (British Railways) Band
- London and North Western Railway Band** (Stockport, Cheshire)
See: Stockport London and North Western Railway Employees Band
- London and North Western Railway Band** (Bescot, Staffordshire)
 Active in the 1900s
- London and North Western Railway Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
 Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Mr Wormald in 1906, Mr Lathom in 1909
- London and North Western Railway Crewe Works Band** (Cheshire)
 Active in the 1910s and 1920s.
- London and North Western Steam Shed Band** (Crewe, Cheshire)
See: Crewe Steam Sheds Band

- London and South Western Locomotive Works Band** (Surrey)
See: London and South Western Railway Locomotive and Carriage Department Brass Band
- London and South Western Railway Band** (Nine Elms, Surrey)
 Active in the 1900s
- London and South Western Railway Locomotive and Carriage Department Brass Band** (Surrey)
 Active in 1875. Conductor H. Dunne in 1877
- London and South Western Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Clapham Junction, Surrey)
 Active in 1890. Still active in 1900. Conductor Fred Ellis in 1890, Mr Jones in 1891, H. Runnegar in 1897-1900
- London and South Western Railway Temperance Union Brass Band** (Clapham Junction, Surrey)
 Active in 1889
- London and South-Western Railway Eastleigh Works Brass Band** (Hampshire)
See: Eastleigh Railway Works Brass Band
- London Road Station Brass Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
 Active in 1891. London Road Station was later renamed Manchester Picadilly.
- London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Locomotive Department Brass Band** (New Cross, Kent)
 Active in 1890 and into the 1900s. Conductor M.B. Ginman in 1900. Contemporary with the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Signalmen's Brass Band
- London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Operatives Literary Society Brass Band** (Brighton, Sussex)
 Active in 1862
- London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Signalmen's Brass Band** (New Cross, Kent)
 Active in 1890. It regularly played in Battersea Park in 1891. Contemporary with the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Locomotive Department Brass Band
- London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company Brass Band** (Kent)
 Active in 1874
- London, Midland and Scottish Band** (Stockport, Cheshire)
See: L.M.S. Brass Band
- London, Midland and Scottish Railway Band** (Stockport, Cheshire)
See: L.M.S. Brass Band
- London, Tilbury and Southend Railway Brass Band** (Tilbury, Essex)
 Founded in 1903. Conductor Mr Hedges in 1904
- Londonderry Brass Band** (Seaham Harbour, Durham)
See: Londonderry Railway Works Brass Band
- Londonderry Railway Works Brass Band** (Durham)
 Founded in September 1873, comprising workers from the Engine Works, conducted by R. Tuart. Still active in 1891. The formation of the band was suggested by Mr Eminson, and the Marquis of Londonderry supplied the funds for the instruments. First public appearance in December 1873. Conductor E.P. Hurst in 1890. A concert in September 1890 at Seaham Hall was: The Salute (Roeder), The Golden Rose (Richards), Maritana (Wallace), The Gipsy Bridge (Metcalf), Ruy Blas (Lutz), The Garden Party (Newton),

O'er Land and Sea (Seaman), Melodies of Ireland (Metcalf), The Dream (Ostlere), The Two Marionettes (Godfrey), Songs of England (Scholes), Ormonde (Seaman).

Londonderry Workshops Brass Band (Seaham Harbour, Durham)

See: Londonderry Railway Works Brass Band

Longsight Locomotive Steamshed Brass Band (Lancashire)

See: Longsight Steam Sheds Band

Longsight Steam Sheds Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1860s to the 1890s. The sheds belonged to the London and North-Western Railway Company

Low Moor L.M.S. Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1930s

Lowestoft Railway Silver Band (Suffolk)

Active in 1910. Founder and bandmaster was John Bultitude.

M. and S.W. Athletic Club Brass Band (Cirencester, Gloucestershire)

See: Midland and South Western Junction Railway Band

M. and S.W.J.R. Works Band (Cirencester, Gloucestershire)

See: Midland and South Western Junction Railway Band

M.S. and L. Subscription Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mexborough Plant Band

Manchester and Sheffield Railway Company Locomotive Band (New Holland, Lincolnshire)

Active in the 1860s

Manchester Midland Railway Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s and 1910s, conductor Harry Carr in 1905

Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band (Mexborough, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mexborough Plant Band

Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band (Gorton, Lancashire)

Active from 1867. Still active in 1881, conductor I. W. Pursglove

Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1876, conductor Mr Ricks. This band was made up of employees at Sheffield Victoria Station

Manor House Works Brass Band (Long Eaton, Derbyshire)

Founded in 1865, conductor W. Watkins. Still active in 1866. This was based at Samuel John Claye's factory, built around the original Manor House, which manufactured railway wagons and rolling stock

March Brass 2000 (Cambridgeshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1891 - Former names: March Railway Servants Brass Band, G.E.R. Brass Band, March Railway Silver Band (to 1999). Conductor R.F. Bertolle in 1899

March Railway Servants Brass Band (Cambridgeshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: March Brass 2000

March Railway Silver Band (Cambridgeshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: March Brass 2000

Marylebone Borough and Great Central Railway Band (Middlesex)

Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Reeves in 1902

Messrs G.R. Stephenson and Partners Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

See: Stephenson's Operatic Brass Band

Messrs G.R. Stephenson's Silver Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

See: Stephenson's Operatic Brass Band

Messrs Hawthorn's Works Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Active in 1867, conductor Mr Ferguson. R.W. Hawthorn & Co's Locomotive works at St Peter's in the city

Messrs Peacock's Band (Gorton, Lancashire)

See: Gorton Foundry Band

Messrs Stevens and Sons Brass Band (Southwark, Surrey)

Active in 1868. Stevens and Sons, based at the Darlington Works, Southwark Bridge Road, manufactured railway signalling equipment and semaphores.

Metropolitan Carriage Works Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)

See: Metropolitan Works Band

Metropolitan Railway Employees' Brass Band (Willesden, Middlesex)

Active in 1885. Still active in 1905. Played at the first annual fete and gala of the Metropolitan Railway Company's employees, in 1886, held in a field near the Metropolitan Railway Station at Harrow, lent by Mr Atkins. Conductor Mr Garlick in 1885-1892, Captain Goddard in 1887, J.H. Lay in 1896-1899, J.A. Caborn in 1904, E. Brophy in 1906. G. Hearsam was a player in the band from 1885 to 1905. Associated with the Willesden branch of the United Kingdom Railway Temperance Union. Also known as Willesden Junction Brass Band. Renamed Willesden Town Band in June 1902.

Metropolitan Works Brass Band (Willesden, Middlesex)

See: Metropolitan Railway Employees' Brass Band

Metropolitan Works Brass Band (Saltley, Warwickshire)

See: Saltley Carriage Works Brass Band

Metropolitan Works Brass Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)

Band from the Cammell works. Note from local newspaper in 1927:- "Masses in harmony at the Molineux: After a hard week at work what better way to relax at the weekend than by tickling the tonsils with a little community singing in the open air at Wolverhampton's Molineux Grounds in January. Swanee River, Land Of Hope And Glory and There's A Tavern In The Town, echoed across the streets as townsfolk raised their voices accompanied by the prizewinning Metropolitan Works Band, under the direction of Joseph Lewis and Harold Casey. Before hitting the high notes, the singers were given a few helpful hints by Mr Lewis. He emphasised that everyone must join in and they must all sing together. He told the gathering that he wasn't using a baton because the crowd wouldn't see it. Instead, his associate Harold Casey, would give the necessary "physical jerks" to help the singers harmonise. Printed on the Community Singing sheet were instructions to "take a deep breath" and hold it. According to Mr Lewis the gathering must sing with the breath HELD to make more sound - and they must not get out of step with the singing. Mr Lewis promised the crowd that if they got into a mess he would blow a whistle for them to stop. Presumably if they were still holding their breath they would be in no fit state to singalong-a-Lewis. " Still active in 1938. Also known as Birmingham Carriage and Wagon Works Band, Birmingham Metropolitan Works Band.

Mexborough Great Central Railway Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mexborough Plant Band

Mexborough M.S. and L. Railway Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mexborough Plant Band

Mexborough Plant Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed in the 1860s as the South Yorkshire Railway Company Band, reformed in the 1880s and still active in 1905. Conductor H. Wilde in 1885, J. Dawson in 1892-1901, J. Tingle in 1896. It was based with the Mexborough railway works for the Manchester/Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway - later the Great Central Railway. Also known as the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band, and the Sheffield Victoria Station Brass Band.

Mexborough Railway Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mexborough Plant Band

Mexborough Railway Servants Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mexborough Plant Band

Midland and South Western Junction Railway Band (Cirencester, Gloucestershire)

Active in the early 1900s to WW1.

Midland Locomotive (Child's Hill) Band (Middlesex)

See: Child's Hill Locomotive Brass Band

Midland Railway Associated Silver Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)

See: Nottingham Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band (Bedford, Bedfordshire)

See: Bedford Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Bradford Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band (Derby, Derbyshire)

See: Derby Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band (Manchester, Lancashire)

See: Manchester Midland Railway Band

Midland Railway Brass Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)

See: Nottingham Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sheffield Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band (1) (Middlesex)

Active in 1878, conductor G.S. Page. Possibly based in Hendon or Kentish Town

Midland Railway Brass Band (2) (Middlesex)

See: Child's Hill Locomotive Brass Band

Midland Railway Brent Locomotive Department Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Child's Hill Locomotive Brass Band

Midland Railway Company Servants' Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: Leicester Midland Railway Workmen's Band

Midland Railway Loco Works Band (Child's Hill, Middlesex)

See: Child's Hill Locomotive Brass Band

Midland Railway Servants' Brass Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)

Active in 1899

N.E.R. Hull City Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Hull A.S.R.S Band

- N.E.R. Servants' Brass Band** (Hartlepool, Durham)
See: West Hartlepool N.E.R. Band
- N.S.R. Juvenile Brass Band** (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
See: North Staffordshire Railway Juvenile Brass Band
- National Union of Railwaymen's (Bristol) Silver Band** (Gloucestershire)
See: Bristol and District N.U.R. Band
- National Union of Railwaymen's Silver Band** (York, Yorkshire)
See: York N.U.R. Silver Band
- Netherfield B.R. Solver Band** (Nottinghamshire)
See: Netherfield Railway Band
- Netherfield L.N.E.R. Brass Band** (Nottinghamshire)
See: Netherfield Railway Band
- Netherfield Railway Band** (Nottinghamshire)
 Founded in the 1890s by bandmaster Charles Robert Rodgers (another report gives the formation as 1902). In 1950 was renamed Carlton Silver Band, then Nottingham City Transport Band in 1988. The band spawned Carlton Brass (a junior section) in 1998, which went on to become the current Carlton Brass Band. The Nottingham City Transport Band folded in 2005.
- Netherfield Railwaymen's Brass Band** (Nottinghamshire)
See: Netherfield Railway Band
- New Cross Locomotive Band** (Kent)
See: New Cross Railway Mission Brass Band
- New Cross Railway Mission "Pioneer" Brass Band** (Kent)
See: New Cross Railway Mission Brass Band
- New Cross Railway Mission Brass Band** (Kent)
 Founded in 1884 or 1885. Active to WW1. Conductor B. Ginman in 1887, T. Sheen in 1890-1909, W. Harrild in 1910-1914. Contemporary with the New Cross Brass Band. Consisted of engine drivers etc. on the London, Brighton and South Central Railway.
- New Cross South East and Central Railway Band** (Kent)
See: New Cross Railway Mission Brass Band
- New Holland Locomotive Brass Band** (Lincolnshire)
See: Manchester and Sheffield Railway Company Locomotive Band
- New Holland N.U.R. Silver Band** (Lincolnshire)
 Formed in the early 1890s. Conductor Mr Bell in 1902. Active from then until the late 1920s. Also known as New Holland Brass Band, New Holland A.S.R.S. Band (Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants)
- New Holland Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Lincolnshire)
See: New Holland N.U.R. Silver Band
- New Southgate Railway Mission Brass Band** (Middlesex)
 Active in 1895, bandmaster J. Smith
- Newcastle and Gateshead Railway Band** (Northumberland)
 Formed in 1925, still active in 1947 when L.N.E.R. took over.
- Newcastle L.N.E.R. Band** (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
 Active in the 1930s
- Newcastle Locomotive Works Band** (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
See: Stephenson's Operatic Brass Band
- Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Company Brass Band** (Hereford, Herefordshire)
 Active in 1860

- Newton Abbot Locomotive Brass Band** (Devon)
Founded in January 1855 at the South Devon Locomotive Works. Conductor Mr Hatches in 1863
- Newton Heath Loco Works Band** (Lancashire)
Active in the 1950s
- Newton Heath Railway Company Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Newton Heath Steam Shed Brass Band
- Newton Heath Steam Shed Brass Band** (Lancashire)
Active in the 1880s. Still active in 1896. Contemporary with the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band - which consisted of "carriage works" employees
- Newton Heath Steam Shed Employees' Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Newton Heath Steam Shed Brass Band
- Newton Heath Wagon Works Band** (Lancashire)
See: Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band
- North British Locomotive Company Band** (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)
See: Glasgow Loco Works Brass Band
- North Eastern Railway Brass Band** (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))
Active in 1895
- North Eastern Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Hartlepool, Durham)
Active in the 1880s
- North London Employees Brass Band** (Middlesex)
See: North London Railway Brass Band
- North London Railway Brass Band** (Middlesex)
Active in 1870 to 1902. Conductor W.T. Harris in 1884. Bandmaster J.S. Richards, secretary F. O'Connor in 1890. President Fred J. Dunn from 1889 to 1902
- North London Railway Employees Brass Band** (Middlesex)
See: North London Railway Brass Band
- North Shields N.E.R. Workmen's Brass Band** (Northumberland)
Active in 1901. Still active in 1904
- North Staffordshire Railway Brass Band** (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
Active in the 1860s. Still active in 1891. Conductor H. Hollins in 1867-1869, G. Marriott in 1881.
- North Staffordshire Railway Juvenile Brass Band** (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
Active in 1869
- North Staffordshire Railway Locomotive Band** (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
See: North Staffordshire Railway Brass Band
- North Staffordshire Steam Shed Brass Band** (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
See: North Staffordshire Railway Brass Band
- North Staffordshire Steam Works Brass Band** (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
See: North Staffordshire Railway Brass Band
- Northern Counties Railway Amateur Brass Band** (Belfast, County Antrim)
See: Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Brass Band
- Norwich Railway Mission Brass Band** (Norfolk)
Founded in May 1892, conductor Goods Guard Mr Scales, leader Passenger Guard F. Brown. Still active in 1895. All the players were employees of the railway
- Nottingham City Railway Band** (Nottinghamshire)
See: Netherfield Railway Band

- Nottingham Midland Railway Brass Band** (Nottinghamshire)
Active in 1894. Still active in 1902
- Nottingham Railway City Brass Band** (Nottinghamshire)
Active in the 1890s to 1914
- Nottingham Railway Employees Band** (Nottinghamshire)
See: Nottingham Railway City Brass Band
- Nottingham Railway Servants Band** (Nottinghamshire)
See: Nottingham Railway City Brass Band
- Nuneaton L.M.S. Railway Brass Band** (Warwickshire)
Active in the 1920s and 1930s
- Oldbury Carriage Works Band** (Worcestershire)
Active in the 1860s, conductor Mr Goodyear (Goodyere) in 1862, Henry Widdinson in 1863. The works band from Johnson's Carriage Works. Still active in 1865
- Oldham United Railway Brass Band** (Lancashire)
Active in 1895, 1896
- Orpington and Crays British Legion Silver Band** (Kent)
Active from the 1920s to the 1950s
- Orpington and Crays Railwaymen's Band** (Kent)
See: Orpington and Crays British Legion Silver Band
- Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band** (Worcester, Worcestershire)
Active in 1858. In 1859 it played at the opening of the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway, and it lost its leader, Richard Debney (23), playing at his funeral. Still active in 1865. Also known as the Worcester Railway Brass Band
- Park Lane Station Brass Band** (Liverpool, Lancashire)
Active in 1860. This was formed by workers at the Park Lane Goods Station, conductor Mr Cruse, the station-master. It was a band formed on temperance principles.
- Peacock's Brass Band** (Gorton, Lancashire)
See: Gorton Foundry Band
- Peacock's Gorton Brass Band** (Gorton, Lancashire)
See: Gorton Foundry Band
- Pelaw Main North Eastern Railway Band** (Durham)
Active in 1907
- Percy Main N.E.R. Brass Band** (Northumberland)
Percy Main North Eastern Railway Band was formed in late 1901, with a connection to the Percy Main Colliery. Still active in 1914. Officers in 1902 were: conductor W. Millar, assistant conductor T. Stapylton, chairman William Grieves, treasurer Thompson Ramsay, secretary E. Spencer. The members were mainly composed of the employees of the Percy Main, Blyth and Tyne section N.E.R.
- Percy Main North Eastern Railway Servants' Brass Band** (Northumberland)
See: Percy Main N.E.R. Brass Band
- Percy Main Workmen's Brass Band** (Northumberland)
See: Percy Main N.E.R. Brass Band
- Peterborough Great Northern Railway Locomotive Brass Band** (Northamptonshire)
Founded in 1856, 24 performers all employees in the locomotive department of the railway, conductor T. Rayner. Still active in 1881. Conductor J.W. Commissiong in 1860, H. Atkinson in 1876.

Peterborough Locomotive Brass Band (Northamptonshire)
See: Peterborough Great Northern Railway Locomotive Brass Band

Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band (Somerset)
 Founded in January 1881, bandmaster Mr. Clark. Still active in 1886

Railway Associated City Brass Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)
 Active in 1906 and 1910 when it played at the Lenton Flower Show.

Railway Foundry Band (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Bradford Railway Foundry Band

Railway Iron Works and Victoria Foundry Saxhorn Band (Litchurch, Derbyshire)
See: Cotton Lane Brass Band

Railway Servants' Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1889

Railway Servants' Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
 Active in 1896

Railway Street Adult School Brass Band (Colne, Lancashire)
 Active in 1866

Railway Terrace Brass Band (Cornwall)
 Active in 1877. Performing at Trenant in 1878. Possibly based at Liskeard

Reading Foundry Brass Band (Berkshire)
 Active in 1860 (Great Western Railway Foundry, Caversham Road). Still active in 1875, conductor Mr Rose

Rhymney Railway Brass Band (Monmouthshire)
 Active in 1862, conductor James Garrett

RNR (Clyde Division) Brass Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)
 Active in the 1900s to the 1950s

Rotherham Locomotive Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1868

Royal Naval Reserves (Loco Works) Band (Glasgow, Lanarkshire)
See: RNR (Clyde Division) Brass Band

Rugby Railway Brass Band (Warwickshire)
See: Rugby Steam Sheds Brass Band

Rugby Steam Sheds Brass Band (Warwickshire)
 Founded in 1854 by John Austin, a railwayman in the service of the L. and N.W.R. Active through to 1939. Conductor W.H. Cask in 1878, A. Bicknell in 1893, J. Bedford in 1909-1923, C. Lee in 1932, E.C. Moore in 1938

S.J. Clays' Works Brass Band (Long Eaton, Derbyshire)
See: Manor House Works Brass Band

S.W.T. Woodfalls Silver Band (Wiltshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: South West Trains Woodfalls Band

Saltley Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants' Brass Band (Warwickshire)
See: Saltley Railway Band

Saltley Carriage Works Brass Band (Warwickshire)
 Active in 1866, 1867

Saltley Metropolitan Works Brass Band (1) (Warwickshire)
See: Saltley Carriage Works Brass Band

Saltley Metropolitan Works Brass Band (2) (Warwickshire)
 Active in the 1910s to the late 1920s. Possibly a successor or continuation of the Saltley Carriage Works Brass Band

Saltley Railway Band (Warwickshire)

Active in 1902 through the 1900s

Saltley Works Brass Band (Warwickshire)

See: Saltley Carriage Works Brass Band

Saltney Brass Band (Flintshire)

Active in 1860, consisting of men in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company. Conductor Mr Williams in 1862. Still active in 1874

Sheffield L.M.S. Railway Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1948

Sheffield Midland Railway Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in 1899. Still active in 1906. Conductor Colin Thomson in 1901

Sheffield Victoria Station Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mexborough Plant Band

Shildon British Railways Band (Durham)

Formed in 1937. Later it became Shildon LNER Works Band and then Shildon British Railways Band. In 1937 the President of the band was W. Wells Hood D.S.O., and the Musical Director was T. Collinson B.B.C.M. During 1937 it won 10 first prizes, 6 challenge cups and 11 medals. A report in 1848 noted that a Shildon Works Band was "supplying music at a social function which included influential people such as Timothy Hackworth and Henry Pease." The band had folded by the early 1980s when the Shildon Works was closed.

Shildon L.N.E.R. Works Silver Band (Durham)

See: Shildon British Railways Band

Shildon LNER Works Band (Durham)

See: Shildon British Railways Band

Shildon Works Brass Band (2) (Durham)

See: Shildon British Railways Band

Shoeburyness Railway Silver Band (Essex)

Formed after WW1 in 1919 and active through to 1939

Shore Road Station Brass Band (Birkenhead, Cheshire)

Active in the early 1890s to the 1930s. Also known as the Cheshire Lines Railway Brass Band. Conductor Thomas Meredith in 1890-1902, James Farrell in 1894-1897, W.J. Harper in 1901-1904. Leader Guard Weaver in 1891. Secretary J.S. Molyneux in 1895. A concert in Birkenhead Park in July 1897 was: England's Queen (Frost), Rich and Rare (Round), Gems of Scotia (Round), Merry Tunes (Linter), Village Blacksmith (Weiss), Smiles and Tears (Round), A1 (Round). A concert in Newsham Park, Liverpool in August 1897 was: Wizard (W. Rimmer), Il Guiramento (Mercadente), Buds and Blossoms (Karl V. Keller), Ora pro Nobis (Piccolomini), Patience (Sullivan), Little Fairies (H. Farmer). A concert in Kensington Gardens, Liverpool in July 1899 was: The Sultan (P.T. Rose), Lucrezia Borgia (Donizetti), Fair Italy (H. Round), Jolly Holiday (W. Williams), Evening Star (R. Smith), Recollections of Ireland (H. Round), The Royal Scots (T. Wright). A concert in June 1902 was: Quarter Column (J. Ord Hume), Songs of Other Days (Round), Belle Vue (Field), Sunny Spain (Fitzgerald), Gems of Evergreen Melody (Round), Holy City (B. Adams), Vendetta (Round), Rifle Ranges, Gems of Scotia, Dancing on the Pier.

Shrewsbury and Hereford Railway Company Brass Band (Shropshire)

See: Shrewsbury Railway Works Brass Band

Shrewsbury Railway Works Brass Band (Shropshire)

Active in 1858, 1859

Somerset and Dorset Railway Brass Band (Bath, Somerset)

Active in the early 1880s through to the early 1900s. Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway Company locomotive department. Also known as Bath Railway Brass Band. Conductor Carlo Buida in 1885, G. Sharp in 1892-1894, J.W. Wood in 1898-1902

Somerset Central Railway Brass Band (Highbridge, Somerset)

Active in 1858. The line ran from Highbridge to Glastonbury and construction commenced in 1851.

South Devon Locomotive Works Brass Band (Newton Abbot, Devon)

See: Newton Abbot Locomotive Brass Band

South Eastern Railway Brass Band (1) (Rotherhithe, Surrey)

Active in 1867. Consisted primarily of carpenters employed at the works

South Eastern Railway Brass Band (2) (Rotherhithe, Surrey)

Active from 1886, conductor H. Harding, principal cornet Mr Plumb. Still active in 1904. Secretary W. Culver in 1889, conductor Joseph Turner in 1890-1897

South West Trains Woodfalls Band (Wiltshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1874 by Mark Warner and John Green. Conductor John Green in 1905. Former names: Woodfalls Temperance Band, South of England Temperance Band, Woodfalls Silver Band, S.W.T. Woodfalls Silver Band. [Further information - see: Aarons, Sonia - And the band played on: the stout history of the Woodfalls Band, and why it's still going strong - Wiltshire Life, Vol. 8, No. 2, September 2001, pp.26-28]

South Yorkshire Railway Band (Mexborough, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Mexborough Plant Band

Southampton Railway Station Brass Band (Hampshire)

Founded in 1888. Still active in 1893. Bandmaster Mr Herbert in 1893

Southern Railway Works Brass Band (Lancing, Sussex)

Active in the 1920s

Southport L and Y Railway Band (Lancashire)

See: Southport Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Band

Southport L.M.S. Railway Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Southport Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Band (Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Springs Branch Brass Band (Lower Ince, Lancashire)

Founded in November 1894, players were employees of the London & North West Railway Company. Still active in 1895

Springs Branch Locomotive Steam Shed Brass Band (Lower Ince, Lancashire)

Active in 1885. A successor band was formed in 1894

St Pancras Midland Railway Band (Child's Hill, Middlesex)

See: Child's Hill Locomotive Brass Band

Stafford Road Great Western Works Brass Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)

See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

Stephenson's Operatic Brass Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Active from the early 1860s to the mid-1870s. Conductor W. Ure in 1864-1870, F. Wadham in 1873, George Jones in 1874. Based at the Robert Stephenson & Co. Locomotive works. Were were invited by Mr George Robert Stephenson to spend the 1864 Christmas holidays with him on the Isle of Wight, when they played various concerts alone and also in conjunction with other bands on the

island. They also accompanied him on an excursion to the Highland Games in Oban in 1873 aboard his steam yacht "Northumbria"

Stevens and Sons Brass Band (Southwark, Surrey)
See: Messrs Stevens and Sons Brass Band

Stockport L.M.S. Railway Brass Band (Cheshire)
 Active in the 1930s to the 1950s

Stockport London and North Western Railway Employees Band (Cheshire)
 Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Mr Bullock in 1906, J. Leigh in 1908.

Stockton North Eastern Railway Brass Band (Stockton-on-Tees, Durham)
 Founded in 1895. First public performance on Saturday 15th June 1895. Active into the 1900s

Stoke Railway Brass Band (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
 Active from 1879 into the 1880s. Conductor G. Marriott in 1880

Stoke Steam Shed Brass Band (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)
See: Stoke Railway Brass Band

Stratford Mechanics Institute Brass Band (Essex)
See: Great Eastern Railway Works Band

Stratford Railway Works Brass Band (Essex)
See: Great Eastern Railway Works Band

Swindon B.R. Band (Wiltshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Swindon Pegasus Brass

Swindon Pegasus Brass (Wiltshire)
 [current band] - Founded in 1912 - Former names: Swindon (Gorse Hill) Brass Band, Great Western Railway Social, Education and Union Association Band, Swindon Rail Staff Association Band, British Railways Silver Band (Swindon), Swindon B.R. Band (to 1989), Swindon Concert Brass

Swindon Rail Staff Association Band (Wiltshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Swindon Pegasus Brass

Swindon Railway Brass Band (Wiltshire)
See: Great Western Railway Brass Band

Taff Valley Railway Brass Band (Glamorgan)
 Active in 1895. Still active in 1899

Taunton G.W.R. Employees Brass Band (Somerset)
 Founded in late 1892. Active through to 1902. Secretary T. Davey in 1895-1902. Conductor Mr Culliford in 1892-1898, F.J. Cheek in 1899-1902. Also known as the G.W.R. (Widows and Orphans) Brass Band

Taunton Railway Brass Band (Somerset)
See: Taunton G.W.R. Employees Brass Band

Tidswell's Railway Foundry Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in the 1850s to 1858

Tidswell's Royal Railway Foundry Brass Band (Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Tidswell's Railway Foundry Band

Tilbury Band (Essex)
 [current band] - Founded in 1919 by Fred Chipperfield - Former names: Tilbury Railwaymen's Band, Tilbury Town Silver Prize Band, Tilbury Town Band, (1921-1960s)

Tilbury Railwaymen's Band (1) (Essex)
See: London, Tilbury and Southend Railway Brass Band

Tilbury Railwaymen's Band (2) (Essex)
[previous name of current band] - see: Tilbury Band

Twyford G.W.R. Brass Band (Berkshire)

Active in 1897

Tylorstown (Valley Lines) Brass Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Tylorstown Brass Band (2)

Tylorstown Band Arriva Trains Wales (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Tylorstown Brass Band (2)

Tylorstown Brass Band (2) (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Tylorstown & District Silver Band, Tylorstown & Mardy Colliery Band (1978-1995), Tylorstown (Valley Lines) Brass Band, Tylorstown Band Arriva Trains Wales (to 2008)

Victoria Foundry Brass Band (Litchurch, Derbyshire)

See: Cotton Lane Brass Band

Wagon Works Band (Radstock, Somerset)

See: Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band

Wagon Works Brass Band (Radstock, Somerset)

See: Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band

Wakefield L.M.S. Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in the 1930s

Walsall and Bescot District Railway Servants' Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Walsall L.M.S. Band (Staffordshire)

Active in the 1930s. Formed by John Henry Cowley, who played Solo Trombone for them. The band were conducted at various times at contest by Harry Mortimer, Issac Perrin, Harry Hayes, and William Halliwell.

Walsall Railway Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Bescot Silver Prize Band

Watford Band (Hertfordshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: London and North Western Railway Band, L. and N.W. Artizan Staff Brass Band, Watford Artisan Silver Band, Watford Silver Prize Band, Watford Silver Prize and British Legion Band, Watford United Ex-Service Men's Band, Watford Silver Band, Hosier & Dickinson Watford Band (2003). Conductor J. Hutchinson and secretary A. Mead in 1898

Wellingborough L.M.S. Band (Northamptonshire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Wellingborough Railwaymen's Brass Band (Northamptonshire)

See: Wellingborough L.M.S. Band

Wellington Railway Servants' Brass Band (Shropshire)

Founded in Decmber 1890, bandmaster Mr Pritchard, instruments costing £94. Still active in 1892. Members were employees of the two companies at Wellington - the Great Western and the London & North Western railways, and they rehearsed at the Ercall Hotel.

West Hartlepool N.E.R. Band (Durham)

Formed in 1883. Still active in 1897. Also known as Hartlepool Railway Servants' Benevolent Brass Band. Conductor J. Davison in 1890, G. Cornforth in 1895, S. Inglesant in 1897. A concert in May 1895 was: Lead on Lads (Howarth), Bohemian Girl (Balfe), Rousseau's Dream (Round), Torquato Tasso (Donizetti), The Earth is the Lord's (Smith), The Two Choirs (Piccolominie)

West Midland (Hereford) Brass Band (Hereford, Herefordshire)

Active in 1862, conducted by Mr Smiley (a different band to the West Midland Railway Brass Band)

West Midland Railway Brass Band (Malvern, Worcestershire)

Active in 1862, conducted by Mr Hollings (a different band to the West Midland (Hereford) Brass Band)

Whitby N.E.R. Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

See: Whitby North Eastern Railway Brass Band

Whitby North Eastern Railway Brass Band (Yorkshire (North Riding))

Founded in January 1894. Still active in 1905. Conductor E. Wicking in 1895, A.E. Ainsley in 1904

Willesden Junction Brass Band (2) (Middlesex)

Founded in 1907 as Willesden Junction LMS Railway Steam Shed Band. It was engaged to play in Gladstone Park for £100 for the 1930 season. This was repeated in 1931, but the Council were concerned that in the depression as many unemployed musicians should be employed as possible, and the engagement went to the British Professional Military Band in 1933. It was known as Willesden Junction Town Band in the early 1920s, then Willesden Town Band and Willesden Borough Band in the later 1920s.

Willesden Junction LMS Railway Steam Shed Band (Middlesex)

See: Willesden Junction Brass Band (2)

Willesden Railway Temperance Union Brass Band (Middlesex)

See: Metropolitan Railway Employees' Brass Band

Wimbledon Railway Engineers' Brass Band (Surrey)

Active in 1881, conductor Mr Hunter. The band consisted of employees of the London and South-Western Railway, Wimbledon depot

Winchester Railway Brass Band (Hampshire)

Formed in late 1887, conductor Mr Holloway

Wolverhampton British Railways Band (Staffordshire)

See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

Wolverhampton G.W.R. Institute Band (Staffordshire)

See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

Wolverhampton Junction Works Band (Staffordshire)

See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

Wolverhampton Mechanics Institute Brass Band (Staffordshire)

See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

Wolverhampton Railway Works Band (Staffordshire)

The G.W.R. Institute - Stafford Road Railway Works, Wolverhampton. In 1858 a brass band was formed, the Institute to provide the required musical instruments, the teacher's fees to be paid by the members themselves. By 1860 fourteen instruments had been furnished for the band. A newly constituted band, complete with a distinctive uniform (blue tunics with either white or scarlet facings, white belts and busby hats) was formed in 1876 and held a brass band competition at the beautifully wooded grounds of Oxley Manor. Crowds of people lined the Stafford Road to see the event and a jolly time was had by all, thanks to the benevolence of the owner of land, the M.P. Alexander Staveley Hill. After the prize giving, won by the "Kidsgrove Real Excelsior Band" the entertainments went on into the evening with "Old English pastimes", and dancing. Frank Corless was a member in 1876. Active through to the 1970s

Wolverton British Railway and Town Silver Band (Buckinghamshire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Wolverton Town Band

Wolverton Carriage Works Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)
 Active in 1863. Conductor Thomas Cameron in 1870. Still active in 1893

Wolverton L. and N.W. Carriage Works Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)
See: Wolverton Carriage Works Brass Band

Wolverton Station Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)
See: Wolverton Carriage Works Brass Band

Wolverton Town Band (Buckinghamshire)
[current band] - Founded in 1908 - Former names: Wolverton Town Band, Wolverton British Railway and Town Silver Band (1951-1989)

Wolverton Works Brass Band (Buckinghamshire)
See: Wolverton Carriage Works Brass Band

Worcester Railway Band (Worcestershire)
See: Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band

Worcester Railway Institute Band (Worcestershire)
See: Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band

Worcester Railway Literary Institute Band (Worcestershire)
See: Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band

Worcester Railway Operatic Band (Worcestershire)
See: Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band

Worcester West Midland Railway Brass Band (Hereford, Herefordshire)
See: West Midland (Hereford) Brass Band

York N.U.R. Silver Band (Yorkshire)
 Active in the 1910s and 1920s. [Further information - see: Anon - The National Union of Railwaymen's Silver Band, York, in "The North Eastern Railway Magazine", Vol. 6, No. 66, June 1916, pp. 142]

York Railway Institute Band (Yorkshire)
[current band] - Founded in 1952 - Note: Formed by merger of the York City Brass Band and the Ebor Excelsior Silver Band

York Railway Institute Golden Rail Band (Yorkshire)
[current band] - Founded in 1963

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Vulcan Motor Works Brass Band

Angus Sanderson Brass Band (Birtley, Northumberland)

See: Sir William Angus, Sanderson and Company Motor Works Band

Austin Motor Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Formed in 1917, giving their first public concert in August that year. Active through to WW2 at least.

Austin Rover Group Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

See: Morris Motors Band

Austin Rover Morris Motors Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

See: Morris Motors Band

B.M.C. Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

See: Morris Motors Band

Blackpool Brass (Lancashire)

[current band] - Founded in 1966 - Former names: Blackpool Town Band, Dutton Forshaw Motors Band (1973), Marton Mere Band (1985-1990)

British Motor Corporation Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

See: Morris Motors Band

Castle Car Works Brass Band (Hadley, Shropshire)

Active in 1901, conductor Mr Hall (Ball?). Secretary Thomas Peake in 1902-1903. Conductor Walter Beaman in 1904

City of Birmingham Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

[current band] - Founded in the 1940s - Former names: Fisher and Ludlow Band, Fisher and Ludlow Works Band, Pressed Steel Fisher Band (to 1976)

City of Coventry Band (Warwickshire)

Formed in 1939, composed of ex-Salvation Army bandsmen, conductor W.B. Major. Achieved some success under Albert Chappell, amongst others, as well as a fine recording under their new name of Jaguar Cars (City of Coventry),

under Ray Farr. The band folded in the early 1990s when Jaguar discontinued their sponsorship.

Dudley District Band (Staffordshire)

Active in 1970s through 1990s. Renamed Hanger Motors Band, and then Banks Brewery Band by the 1990s through sponsorship.

Dutton Forshaw Motors Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Blackpool Brass

Eaton (Truck Components) Band (Lancashire)

See: Kearsley St Stephens Band

Eaton Works Band (Lancashire)

See: Kearsley St Stephens Band

Enfield Motor Museum and Potters Bar Contest Band (Middlesex)

[current band] - Founded in 2005 - Former names: Potters Bar Town Band + Enfield Whitewebbs Museum Brass (for contesting purposes only)

Ferodo Works Band (Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire)

Formed in 1951 at the behest of the management of the local Ferodo factory in Chapel-en-le-Frith. The founding members included the conductor Frank Moss (also conductor of the Chapel-en-le-Frith Band), Jack Allcock, Sam Allcock, Charlie Brindley, Bernard Bygrave, Solomon Clayton, Bill Fletcher, Alf Garlic, Jimmy Gregson, Harold Hill, Ted Holland, Jack Holmes, Jim Hulley, Alan Jackson, Jimmy Mycock, Jack Osborne, Walter Pearson, Norman Ringham and Alf Sellars. George Hespe, formerly of Sheffield Transport Band, became musical director in 1953 and led the band to victory at the British Open in 1955. The band folded in 1958 following the withdrawal of support from Ferodo. Tim Mutum recorded: An entrepreneur with the rather spectacular name of Herbert Frood formed the Ferodo Company in 1897. In need of a catchy brand name to move the company forward he rearranged the letters of his surname to coin the word 'Ferodo' and soon set about building his company organisation in Chapel-en-le-Frith in the Peak District of Derbyshire, by inventing everything from asbestos brake pads to the first bullet proof clothing. In 1951, at the behest of the management at the factory, a band was established - the Ferodo Works Band. The late Bill Skelton, one of the best horn players of his day, and who first went to Belle Vue in 1927, was one of the 'name' players in the band. He later said it was one of the happiest bands he played with. The company offered generous retainers and therefore attracted good players. In addition to Skelton, two former Black Dyke principals, Willie Lang and Bernard Bygraves joined the ranks, and Ferodo made its contest debut in Nottingham in 1952 under the direction of Fred Mortimer. That the management wanted the band to succeed became apparent with the appointment of George Hespe as Musical Director in 1953. In 1958 the company disbanded the band for what was termed 'economic reasons'. The company had worked out that in seven years they had spent £70,000 more than the band had earned.

Fisher and Ludlow Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Birmingham Brass Band

Fisher and Ludlow Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: City of Birmingham Brass Band

Foden Motor Works Band (Cheshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Foden's Band

Foden's Band (Cheshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Foden Motor Works Band, Foden OTS Band (1983), Britannia Building Society Foden Band (1986), Britannia Building Society Band, Fodens Courtois Band (1997-2003), Fodens Richardson Band. [Further information - see: Anon - Who Put the Oomph into Foden's Band? - Cheshire Life - February 2005, pp.188-189; Burgess, D - By Royal Command: The Story Of Fodens Motor Works Band - Fodens - 1977; Fodens - The History Of Fodens Motor Works Band - Fodens - 1936; Gooding, Ken - Fodens: and the band played on - Industrial Management & Data Systems Vol. 74(1), 1974, pp.4-6; Leigh, Jenny - The sound of brass [Foden's Brass Band] Cheshire Life - September 2012, p.54; Littlemore, Alan - The Fodens Band: 100 Years of Excellence - Peak Press - 1999; Radcliffe, Leslie N - T'Blow [The brass band of Foden's Motor Works, Sandbach] - Cheshire Life, Volume 20, Number 5 (May 1954), pp.39,41]

Ford Motor Works Band (Dagenham, Essex)

A military band active in the 1950s and 1960s. Possibly evolved from the City of London 7th Bn Home Guard Band. They were COL 7th (Rippleside) Bn based in Barking, Essex.

Hanger Motors Band (Dudley, Staffordshire)

See: Dudley District Band

Hardy Spicers Works Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)

Active in the 1950s

Harlescott (Stadco Ltd.) Band (Shropshire)

Active in the 1980s and 1990s

Hartford Motors Concert Brass Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

See: Oxford Concert Brass

Jaguar (Coventry) Band (Warwickshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Jaguar Land Rover Band

Jaguar Car Works Band (Coventry, Warwickshire)

Active in the late 1950s. It disbanded some short time after 1968.

Jaguar Cars (City of Coventry) Band (Coventry, Warwickshire)

See: City of Coventry Band

Jaguar Land Rover Band (Coventry, Warwickshire)

[current band] - Founded in the 1940s - Former names: Coventry Boys Band, Coventry School of Music Brass Band, Coventry Festival Band (1957), Rolls-Royce (Coventry) Band (1982-2002), Jaguar (Coventry) Band (2002-2011). In the 1970s they rehearsed in room in Trinity Street, and were a 2nd section band with Phil Cooper as conductor. Following the sponsorship by Rolls Royce, All the Coventry Festival equipment was transferred to a custom built band room within the Rolls Royce factory at Parkside, Coventry. It was next to a museum of jet engines. Phil Cooper continued as MD.

Kearsley St Stephens Band (Lancashire)

Formed in 1869. In December 1867 the Parish Notes of St Stephen's Church record that "On December 17th a miscellaneous entertainment, in aid of the School Fund was given by gentlemen amateurs, who most kindly and spontaneously offered their services. The managers of the School tender them their hearty thanks". The next mention is the following Whitsun. "On the 5th June 1868 the Whitsuntide procession was headed by the Royal Hulme Brass Band and 'our own drum and fife band". In May 1869 it was minuted, "A brass band is also being formed, which has met with such liberal support already from the above Schools as renders it certain that success will attend all of its

promoters. The following are the subscriptions already received: Mr Blair Esq - £10; Clifton and Kearsley Coal Company - £7; Wm Tonge - £4 and 4 shillings; Wm Welsby - £3 and 15 shillings; Wm Jones - £3 and 15 shillings; Mr Steward - £1; Mr Johnson - £1; Mrs Baker - 11 shillings and 6 pence; Mr Joseph Grundy - 10 shillings; Mr D Taylor - 10 shillings; Mr Charles Hollows - 5 shillings; Mr Dennis Lever - 5 shillings; Mr James Grundy - 5 shillings; Mr Richard Edwardes - 5 shillings; Mr Barnet Fyles - 5 shillings." Further subscriptions were made in July and a Tea Party was held on the 16th August. Were an audience spent an 'unusually pleasant evening'. In September of 1869 it was noted that the brass band contributed very largely to the entertainment of the Wakes Tea Party. Soon after the band was founded they appointed an aptly named Mr Blower as their first musical instructor. The band changed to Kearsley Silver Band sometime during the 1940's. In 1951 they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton. In 1961 disaster struck the band, there was a blaze at the bandroom destroying the entire music library of the band and several instruments. The bands saviour took the shape of Eaton Truck Components on Worsley Road North. Eaton agreed a sponsorship deal with the band and with a lot of hard work and the help of other local bands, chiefly Walkden Band who lent them the use of several instruments and a big street drum, the band managed to pull through. They changed the bands name to Eaton Works Band and moved into the works canteen for rehearsals. Also known as Eaton (Truck Components) Band and Eaton Transmission Gear Group Band. Due to falling numbers of players they merged with Farnworth Old Band in 1991 under the new name of Eaton Farnworth Brass Band.

Leyland Band (Lancashire)

[current band] - Founded in 1946 - Former names: Leyland Motors Band, Leyland Vehicles Band (1978), Leyland DAF Band (1987), BNFL Leyland Band (1992-96), JJB Sports Leyland band (1997-99), The Leyland Band (2000). [Further information - see: Littlemore, Allan - JJB Leyland Band - 2000]

Leyland DAF Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Leyland Band*

Leyland Motors Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Leyland Band*

Leyland Vehicles Band (Lancashire)

[previous name of current band] - see: *Leyland Band*

Lloyd and Foster's Axle and Tyre Works Saxhorn Band (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)

Active in 1866 and through to the 1870s

Lloyd's Steel and Axle Works Band (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)

See: *Lloyd and Foster's Axle and Tyre Works Saxhorn Band*

Messrs C.S. Windover and Co. Brass Band (Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire)

Founded in November 1874. Still active in 1893. Conductor James Lacey, with 26 players, in 1875, R. Reed in 1889. C.S. Windover were carriage makers from 1857 to 1924 and, in 1875 were "the only coach building firm in the United Kingdom possessing a brass band". Based at the Royal Carriage Works, Huntingdon

Messrs Thornycroft's Works Brass Band (Chiswick, Middlesex)

Active in 1900. The Thornycroft Steam Wagon Company was one of the Thornycroft factories. In 1896 John Isaac Thornycroft fitted a vertical steam

engine to a van at Chiswick. After this happened he started building vehicles. His companies had previously been famous for building torpedo boats

Morris Motor Works Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

See: Morris Motors Band

Morris Motors Band (Oxford, Oxfordshire)

Formed in 1924 from employees of Morris Motors it grew from its recreational beginnings to become a leading band under the guidance of Harry Mortimer. Founded as part of William Morris' welfare drive, it soon started entering national competitions, winning the Crystal Palace Grand Shield in the 1930s. A signature tune, The Morris March, was written for them by Beresford, which is featured on a programme of 1926. The band was temporarily disbanded at the beginning of the Second World War, reviving in 1943 to play to workers in the factory canteen. Between 1946 and 1955 the band went from strength to strength under the leadership of its inspirational conductor Harry Mortimer, becoming one of the country's leading brass bands. During its long career, the band made over 500 radio broadcasts and several television appearances, also performing at folk dances, in music halls and in park bandstands. Changed name to Morris Concert Band round 1972-3 and back to Morris Motors in about 1979. Some reminiscences from Stephen Bourne, who played for Morris Motors in the 1970's and early 80's: "There were strong ties to the Ercol Furniture Band throughout this time through the resident Conductor Walter Rees who was musical director for Ercol and also with Witney Sliver Band through Peter the baritone player, who conducted Witney. Whenever Witney or Ercol did a gig you could guarantee a fair numbers of Morris Players would be amongst them. I travelled to and from London in the car with Harry Mortimer (or HM as he preferred) every Monday and Wednesday for rehearsal in the band room at Morris Factory. We did many concerts as part of the famed "Men O'Brass" mass bands of Fairey, Fodens (or City of Coventry for a while) and Morris. There are still a number of recordings of this massed band around today. Morris Motors last appeared in the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall in 1981, when the Test Piece was Blitz (I still remember learning it - unpleasant - give me some Vinter or Ball any day). We regularly appeared on "Friday Night is music night!" live from the Golders Green Hippodrome on Radio 2. Robin Boyle from Radio 2 who compared the show was a friend of HM's. As a result HM managed to get him to compere the British Open, then held in Belle Vue Manchester. I was an official in those days, responsible for taking lunch to the adjudicators and organising distribution of programmes. The Open contest was stopped for an hour between bands because of an IRA bomb threat, I think in 1978 (I could be a year out) but continued afterwards. I do remember the challenge of keeping the adjudicators out of the way. The demise of the Morris band occurred in Harry's later days. The motor works had offered jobs and time to rehearse to players during the bands heydays (50's and 60's) and there was a strong Welsh Mafia in the band (or "tafia" as it became called). By the late 70's band though, moving to Oxford to work in the now stricken car industry was not a very attractive proposition. Around this time, and certainly until 1980, there were still no women in the band and, believe or not, no women were allowed on the band bus. This was true at Fairey and Fodens too. I remember the shock when City of Coventry came to their first Men of Brass with women in the band. In 1981 the first lady joined Morris' and the "old guard" were unhappy about it. Funny now to even think about such a World just 28 years ago." The band folded in the late 1990s. As the car

industry changed, the band's name also changed to Austin Rover Morris Motors Band, Austin Rover Group Band, Rover Band, B.M.C. Band. Also occasionally known as Cowley Brass Band

Oxford Concert Brass (Oxfordshire)

Formed in 1972 as an offshoot of the existing Oxford bands, primarily City of Oxford Band. Active until 1992 when it merged with Kidlington Silver Band to form Kidlington Concert Brass. Also known as Halls Oxford Concert Brass. It maintained a presence in the championship section throughout most of the 1980's, although were classified in the 1st section briefly when this was created in 1992 before the merger with Kidlington Silver Band. The band was known at various times under the name of its sponsors and these included Halls Brewery and Hartford Motors. The band always lacked a permanent home and rehearsals were held in Garsington and Milham Ford School. Conductors included: Jeremy Wise - 1992, Michael Pegram - 1990 - 1991, Adrian Leaper - 1984 - 1986, Cliff Edmunds - 1974 - 1979, Harold Williams - 1974 - 1981.

Patent Axle and Tyre Works Band (Wednesbury, Staffordshire)

See: Lloyd and Foster's Axle and Tyre Works Saxhorn Band

Reg Vardy (Ever Ready) Band (Stanley, Durham)

[previous name of current band] - see: Reg Vardy Band

Reg Vardy Band (Stanley, Durham)

[current band] - Founded in 1910 - Former names: Craghead Colliery Band (to 1968), Every Ready GB Band, Berec Ever Ready Band, Ever Ready Band (to 2004), Reg Vardy Band (to 2016)

Ripponden Carriers Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1856. Merged with Huddersfield Brass in 2006 to form Huddersfield and Ripponden Brass

Ripponden Motors Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Ripponden Carriers Brass Band

Rockingham Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: Wharnccliffe Silkstone Colliery Band (to 1905), Rockingham Colliery Band (to mid-1920s), Wharnccliffe Silkstone Colliery Band (to late 1960s), Osbourne Rockingham Band, W Harrison Transport (Rockingham) Band. Secretary T. Goulding in 1895. Officers in 1905 were secretary Harry Smith, treasurer W. Montague, president H. Mitchell, bandmaster J. Boothroyd

Rolls-Royce (Coventry) Band (Warwickshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Jaguar Land Rover Band

Royal Carriage Works Brass Band (Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire)

See: Messrs C.S. Windover and Co. Brass Band

Sir William Angus, Sanderson and Company Motor Works Band (Birtley, Northumberland)

Founded in 1919, bandmaster James Neill. The Angus-Sanderson automobile was manufactured from 1919 to 1927. As production moved from Birtley to Hendon in 1921, the band probably did not survive the move.

Vauxhall Motors Recreation Club Band (Luton, Bedfordshire)

Active post-WW2 in the 1940s and 1950s.

Vernon's Motors Brass Band (Caernarfonshire)

Active in the 1950s

Vulcan Motor Works Brass Band (Crossens, Lancashire)

Active in the late 1910s and 1920s

W. Harrison Transport (Rockingham) Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

[previous name of current band] - see: Rockingham Band

Weymann's Works Band (Woking, Surrey)

See: Woking Brass Band (3)

Windover's Brass Band (Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire)

See: Messrs C.S. Windover and Co. Brass Band

Winfield Transport Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)

Active in the 1960s. Belonged to the Winfield Transport Company based at Wolverhampton Street, Walsall, which had a fleet of 112 lorries transporting coal from local pits to power stations, schools and factories

Woking Brass Band (3) (Surrey)

Formed in 1892 as Chertsey Town Band. Later became Chertsey Town Silver Prize Band. A.J. Allen secretary, of London Street, in 1913. In September 1942 it merged with Addlestone Temperance Band and became attached to the Weymanns Coach Works, near the railway station at Addlestone, Surrey, not far from Chertsey. It was called Weymann's Works Band. Weymanns built bodies for London Transport buses, charabanc and coach bodies, and made very fine lightweight fabric bodies for Bentleys and similar prestige cars. The band and the coachworks were still active in the early 1960's, but the works closed in 1966. The band decided to continue independently and re-formed as the Chertsey and Addlestone Band. They competed in the 4th section in the late 60's and 70's, and were in the 3rd section by 1982. In 1988 they became the Genet Group Band (Chertsey) and finally Woking Brass Band in 1999, reflecting a five year agreement with the Borough of Woking. The band carried the Borough's coat of arms on it's banners, wore new red, black and gold uniforms and performed a range of Borough events throughout the year. The band had a close link with the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, Twickenham, several of whose students would play as guest members and conductors. The band dissolved in early 2005. An ex-member, Mike Sheehan, recalls that in the 1960s "we had a single token female in an otherwise all-male band. Rosie was a very presentable young woman who played Flugel (long before the release of "Brassed Off"!). She looked a treat in the short mess-kit pattern jacket and her above-the-knee skirt ; this was, after all, the mini-skirted swinging sixties! To me as an impressionable teenager she was a goddess." Members in the early 1960s included: Ben Aburrow (bandmaster), L. Walpole, L. Fisher, C. Woolford, B. Gentry, L. Hewson, B. Burr, R. Walpole, J. Looby, J. Kilburn, W.E. Stanton, A. Raybold, W. Maskens, S. Moorhall, G. Roake, J. Robertson, F. Brenton, A. Cooper, F. Sympson, G. Hewson, J. Vassell, F. Walpole, I. Legg and R. Gentry. See the book by Vic and Jean Gale - "A Brass Heritage: 100 Years of Chertsey and Alderstone Village Bands", 1993.

Transport - sea



Barrow Shipyard Brass Band

Alexander Stephen and Sons' Brass Band (Kelvinhaugh, Lanarkshire)

Active in the mid-1860s until the firm left the Kelvinhaugh site in 1871. The band was composed largely of the shipbuilding firm's apprentices.

Alexandra Dock Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band

Alexandra Docks (L. and N.W.) Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band

Arklow Shipping Silver Band (Wicklow)

[current band] - Founded in 1968. Original members included: Michael Loughlin, Liam McCarthy, Josie Greene, Freddy Brennan, Jim Wadden, Murth Fitzgerald, Murth Sullivan, Matt Sharpe, Bobby Byrne, John Bonner, Thomas Tancred, John Hall, Sean Hurley, Pat Kinsella, Bob Lee, Christy Moran, Hugh Kelly and Jimmy Tancred

Barrow Shipyard Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

Founded in 1892 as Barrow Temperance Band (to 1908), Barrow Shipyard Prize Band (1908), Barrow Home Guard Band (1939), Barrow Shipyard Band (1945), Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Band (1960), Vickers Works Band, Vickers Barrow Works Band, British Shipbuilders Band (1980), GEC Band, VSEL Band, BAE Systems (Marine) Band, Barrow Shipyard Band (2002). Folded in 2012 when their kit, instruments and uniform were passed to the junior band. Members in 1914 were: W. Laycock, F. Pawson, H. Parker,

W.H. Pickhard, W. Smithers, J. Fiddles, F. McCann, A. Smithers, J. Dunn, W. Norris, H. Fisher, J. Fisher, J. Hollaway, W. beckett, j. Boyd, F. Rothwell, J. Kemp, T. Preston, J. Walker, R. Smithers, J. Jamieson (treasurer), J.H. Carter (conductor), W. Hannigan (secretary), F. Grisdale, A. Russell, S. Sadler, T. Shaw (solo cornet), J. Towers (solo baritone).

Barry Dock Wesleyan Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1891. Also known as Barry Shipwrights' Brass Band, Barry Dockers' Brass Band. Became Barry Dock District Band in 1894. Still active in 1904, when it purchased new instruments, and through to WW1

Barry Shipwrights' Brass Band (Glamorgan)

See: Barry Dock Wesleyan Brass Band

Blackpool Lifeboat Band (Lancashire)

Active from 1891 through to 1940. Also known as Blackpool Fishermen's Band. Conductor Howard Lees in 1896. John Thomas (Jack) Fish was a trombone player in the band in 1910 when ill health forced him to retire, and the band led his funeral procession through the streets of Blackpool on 26th February 1913. Bandmaster Tom Wylie in 1910

British Shipbuilders Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

See: Barrow Shipyard Band

Cammell Laird Band (Birkenhead, Cheshire)

Formed 1957, disbanded 1972. Originally conducted by Rex Mortimer, then James Scott, it gained success in contests through the 1960s, but was abruptly disbanded by the company in 1972. Tim Mutum recorded: The Cammell Laird Works Band was originally a combination of brass and reed. It was based in Birkenhead and all the players were employed by the ship building and ship repairing company of that name. Not surprisingly, it was formed to provide music for what is always the proudest moment of a shipyard's life, the launching of a newly built vessel. The band dates from 1957 but whether that was the year of its formation or when it went all brass is not clear. However, in 1958 Rex Mortimer became musical director in addition to his main role with Fodens Band. In that year they entered their first competition, at Blackpool, and were placed a respectable seventh. In 1959 the band secured the Fourth Section North West title, going on to win the National title itself in London. The start of a remarkable ascent to the very top echelons of British banding had begun. By the early 1970s shipbuilding was in decline and the band's future became uncertain. In April 1972 it was tersely announced that the band had been closed down, the instruments and uniforms called in and future engagements cancelled. A few years later James Scott had this to say, "The firm didn't realise what they'd got - they were Philistines. Shipbuilding began to decline and they finished the band - said they couldn't afford to run it. It was very sad". [Further information - see: Mortimer, Rex - For the Cammell Laird Works Band: A Bouquet - Cammell Laird Magazine, Vol. 1 No. 7, December 1958, pp.30-31; Anon - Triumphant Brass [story of Cammell Laird's National win] - Cammell Laird Magazine, Vol. 1 No. 10, December 1959, pp.18-19]

Cammell Laird Shipbuilding and Engineering Band (Birkenhead, Cheshire)

See: Cammell Laird Band

Carpenters' or Shipwrights' Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band

Chatham Dockyard Artizans' Brass Band (Kent)

Active in 1870, bandmaster John Broughton

Cork Harbour Shipwrights' Society Brass Band (Cork)

Active in 1875

Cunard Steamship Company Employees' Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active in the early 1890s through into the 1900s

Deptford Pier Saxhorn Band (Kent)

Active in the late 1850s. Still active in 1871. Conductor W. Frogitt (M. Froggitt) in 1860. The band was associated with John Penn and Sons Company, which was an engineering factory making engines - originally agricultural and later marine.

Dublin Shipwrights' Brass Band (Dublin)

Active in 1876

Earle's Shipbuilding Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in the 1890s

East India Company Brass Band (Warley, Essex)

Active in 1847 and into the 1850s.

Edwards' Brothers Band (North Shields, Northumberland)

See: Edwards' Shipyard Band

Edwards' Brothers Dock Workmen's Band (North Shields, Northumberland)

See: Edwards' Shipyard Band

Edwards Brothers Workmen's Brass Band (North Shields, Northumberland)

Active in 1898, conductor Thomas Godsmark - W. Hopkins and G. Godsmark playing trombone. Conductor Robert Brown, bandmaster George Hopkins in 1899. Still active in 1900, conductor J.W.A. Eskdale. Edwards Brothers were shipbuilders. A concert at Northumberland Park in May 1898 was: Great Inter-Ocean (George Southwell), Victoria Regina (J. Ord Hume), Don Juan (H. Round), Zampa (Harold), Richard Coeur de Lion (Gretry), Lead on Lads (C. Howarth). A concert in April 1899 was: Hurricane (J.H. Carter), Falstaff (Verdi), Gwalia (H. Round), Grand Duchess (Offenbach), A Dream of Paradise (Hamilton Gray), Austrian.

Edwards' Shipyard Band (North Shields, Northumberland)

Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Fairfield Works Brass Band (Govan, Lanarkshire)

Active in 1887

Garston Docks Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Founded in 1887. Still active in 1899. Bandmaster John Robert Grey in 1891, H. Collier in 1892, Mr Macnamara in 1893, A. Butler in 1894-1895. Also known as London and North Western Garston Brass Band. Jeremiah Leather left the band in November 1890 and was subsequently sued by the trustees of the band for the return of his instrument (Bb bass) and uniform. A concert in June 1893 was: First Shot (Jubb), Boudoir (Webb), Buds and Blossoms (Keller), Trumpet Major (Round), Bohemian Girl (Balfe), Jollity (Wright), Angelus (Wadson), Merry Monarch (Round), Soldier Fall (Wallace), Shooting Star (Newton), Fallen Leaves (Wright), Garden Party (Webb), and Goodnight Love (Newton).

Harland and Wolff Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: Harland and Wolff Liverpool Band

Harland and Wolff Brass Band (Southampton, Hampshire)

See: Harland and Wolff Southampton Band

Harland and Wolff Brass Band (Belfast, County Antrim)

Active in the 1920s. Also known as Queen's Island Brass Band

Harland and Wolff Liverpool Band (Lancashire)

Active in 1923, 1924

Harland and Wolff Southampton Band (Hampshire)

Active in the 1920s

Harland and Wolff's Prize Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: Harland and Wolff Liverpool Band

Hessle Royal British Legion Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

Formed in the early 1900s as Hessle Halcyon Band. It later became the Scarrs Shipyard Band under which name it remained until the 1914-1918 war. Then it became known as the Hessle Victory Military Band and included woodwind instruments. During the 1939-1945 war the instruments were loaned to the home guard. When the home guard was disbanded in late 1945, the band started again under the name of Hessle Band. Changed its name to Hessle Royal British Legion Band in 1947. Finally disbanded around 1990. The band in 1969 was: Alan Martin, Ray Lamb, Dixon Lang, Mike Frederick, Len Creasey, Alan Branston, Harry Jervis, Ian Donaldson, Tommy Burns, Alf Whitehead, Alan Spittlehouse, Tom Howson, Peter Beilby, Frank Payne, Harry Anderson, John Jefferson, Alan Bourne, Doug Jones, George Veneer, Sid Teale, Bill Overton, Harry Chatterton, Sam Walmsley (conductor), Eddy Pybus, Herbert Johnson, H. Stephenson and Berwyn Plant. For further details see "Hessle Royal British Legion Band" at www.ibew.co.uk

Hull Carpenters' Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band

Hull Shipwright's Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band

Hull Wilson's Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band

Hull Working Men's Brass Band (Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band

Jarrow Borough Brass Band (1) (Durham)

Formed in the early 1890s. Became associated with the Palmer's Shipbuilding and Iron Co. (Hebburn and Jarrow on Tyne) around 1904/1905 and thereafter known as Palmer's Works Brass Band. Conductor Thomas Henderson in 1900. Changed its name to Jervis Brass Band when the Palmer's shipyard closed in 1933. Probably folded in the 1950s or 1960s. A concert programme in June 1894 consisted of: Chevalier (W. Lewis), Dreams (Liater), Stranger (Bellini), Sunshine (J.S. Cogan), Jovial (H. Round), My Partner (H. Round jun.), Stepping Stone (T.H. Wright), Clear the Way (D. Pogson), God Save the Queen (G. Wardle). A concert in May 1895 was: En Route (T. Finney), Gelfallene Blatter (Kerl and Keller), Merriment (T.H. Wright), Bohemian Girl (Balfe), Round the Maypole (H. Round), Tancredi (Rossini), The Gaiety (Bleger), Farewell (G. Webb). George Hipkin was a member of the band at the time of his death, aged 24, in August 1897. Secretary Mr Hipkin in 1904. [Further information - see: Anon - [article on Palmer's Works Band] - The Mid Tyne Link, Vol 2, No. 6, Autumn 1905]

Laing's Brass Band (Sunderland, Durham)

Active in 1866 into the 1870s. Conductor W.D. Eastern in 1869. The works band of James Laing Shipbuilders on the Wear.

Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Active in 1857, conductor Mr Acey. A band consisting of shipwrights from Martin Samuelson's shipyard.

Messrs Wray and Son's Brass Band (Burton Stathers, Lincolnshire)

See: Wray's Brass Band

Northumbria Steam Yacht Silver Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)
See: Stephenson's Operatic Brass Band

Palmer's Shipyard Band (Jarrow, Durham)
See: Jarrow Borough Brass Band (1)

Palmer's Works Brass Band (Jarrow, Durham)
See: Jarrow Borough Brass Band (1)

Readhead and Sons' Brass Band (South Shields, Durham)
 Founded in 1889. The works band of John Readhead and Sons' shipbuilders - West Dock, South Shields

Rising Star Lifeboat Crew Brass Band (Lancashire)
[previous name of current band] - see: Barrow Steelworks Band

Rosyth Dockyard Brass Band (Fife)
 Founded in 1917. Active into the 1920s

Royal Dockyard Artizans' Brass Band (Chatham, Kent)
See: Chatham Dockyard Artizans' Brass Band

Royal Wear Yacht Club Brass Band (Sunderland, Durham)
 Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor Robert de Lacy in 1857. In 1859 it was disqualified from the band contest at Felton for having some professional members.

S.H. and W.R. Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band (Northumberland)
See: Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band

Samuelson's Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))
See: Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band

Scarr's Shipyard Band (Hessle, Yorkshire (East Riding))
See: Hessle Royal British Legion Band

Scotswood Shipyard Brass Band (Northumberland)
 Active in 1883. In 1916 it was renamed the Munition Workers Band, under the baton of H. Bell (ex bandmaster of Dinnington Colliery)

Scotswood Workmen's Band (Northumberland)
See: Scotswood Shipyard Brass Band

Selby Shipyard Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
 Active in 1924, when on 20th December the County Chief Constable's Office, East Riding of Yorkshire, granted the Band permission to play and make collections in the surrounding villages.

Sunderland Shipbuilders Band (Durham)
 Active in 1923, possibly formed in the early 1900s

Sunderland T.L.F. Brass Band (Durham)
 Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band (Wallsend, Northumberland)
See: Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band

Swan Hunter Silver Band (Wallsend, Northumberland)
 Active in the 1970s - probably a successor band to the Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band, which folded in the 1950s.

T.L.F. Works Brass Band (Sunderland, Durham)
See: Sunderland T.L.F. Brass Band

Thames Iron Works Brass Band (Blackwall, Middlesex)
 Active in 1862 through to the early 1900s. Conductor John H. Williams in 1895. The company was a shipyard and ironworks

Thames Shipbuilding Company Brass Band (Blackwall, Middlesex)

See: Thames Iron Works Brass Band

Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

Founded in mid-1893, conductor Mr Hills, treasurer W. Linnell. Band Sergeant C. Bourne and secretary P. White in 1900. Active through to WW1. J. Onions was a player in 1901. Originally known as Hull Working Men's Brass Band, with all players being mechanics in the employ of the company. Wilson's was a well known shipping line operating out of the city docks. First public appearance on 7 August 1893. The band won the People's Challenge Shield at the Crystal Palace in 1906. On Thursday July 4th, 1907, the band gave a concert in Pearsons Park, under the baton of Mr A. Dennis, comprising: Senator (G. Allen), Gems of Haydn (arr. W. Rimmer), Ida and Dot (cornet duet), Sappho (Paccini, arr. W. Rimmer), Queen Elizabeth (J. Ord Hume), Carmelite (arr. S. Cope), Blue Danube (J. Strauss), and A Casket of Gems (H. Round).

Tyne Dock Teemers' Brass Band (Durham)

Active in 1890, conductor Walker Elliott. Still active in 1893. A concert programme in July 1893 consisted of: La Tournol (J. Gladney), La Passerelle (Boissom), Alliance (H.E. Cogswell), Maritana (Wallace), Adela (R. Smith), Strike the Lyre (R. Smith), Gaiety (Bledger)

Union Castle Steam Ship Company Band (London)

Active in the early 1900s

Vickers Armstrong (Barrow Shipyard) Band (Lancashire)

See: Barrow Shipyard Band

Vickers Barrow Works Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

See: Barrow Shipyard Band

Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

See: Barrow Shipyard Band

Vickers Works Brass Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

See: Barrow Shipyard Band

VSEL Band (Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire)

See: Barrow Shipyard Band

Walker Neptune Band (Northumberland)

Active between 1900 and 1914. Based at the Walker site of the Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson works.

Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band (Northumberland)

Formed in the 1900s, later known as Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Band. Active in 1935, conductor Joseph C. Welsh, 1937 conductor Jack Boddice, and 1947. Folded in the late 1950s. Anita Lawson (aged 19) played cornet in the band in 1957 together with her brother and father.

Wear Royal Yacht Club Band (Sunderland, Durham)

See: Royal Wear Yacht Club Brass Band

Wilson Son and Company Band (Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding))

See: Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band

Windermere Steam Yacht Company Brass Band (Westmorland)

Active in 1854. Still active in 1871

Windermere Steamers Brass Band (Westmorland)

See: Windermere Steam Yacht Company Brass Band

Woolwich Dockyard Brass Band (Kent)

Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Wray's Brass Band (Burton Stathers, Lincolnshire)

Active in 1870. John Wray and Son were shipbuilders operating from the mid-1820s to 1897, building some 175 ships between 30 and 150 tons. In 1865 they built a pier for the Steam Packets which passed daily on the journey from Gainsborough and Hull.

Water & sewage

Aston Water Works Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Active in the 1890s. Still active in 1905. Members in 1901 included: T.W. Rowe

Birmingham Water Works Brass Band (Elan Village, Radnorshire)

See: Aston Water Works Brass Band

Birmingham Water Works Brass Band (Aston, Staffordshire)

See: Aston Water Works Brass Band

Elan Valley Works Brass Band (near Rhayader, Radnorshire)

Active in 1900. Associated with the Birmingham Water Works scheme at the valley

Runcorn Waterworks Band (Cheshire)

Active in the 1900s

Sheffield Corporation Waterworks Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sheffield Waterworks Brass Band

Sheffield Waterworks Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Founded in January 1901. Active through to WW1. Although all the players were employees of the Corporation Water Department, the instruments had been supplied through the munificence of a private citizen. Conductor T. Williamson in 1902-1905

Vyrnwy Waterworks Brass Band (Abertridwr, Montgomeryshire)

Active in 1883, conductor Lloyd Morris. The waterworks were established to construct the Vyrnwy Lake and dam at Llanwddyn, and an aqueduct to carry the water to Liverpool

Waterworks Staff Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Sheffield Waterworks Brass Band

Workmen's - general



Tylorstown Workmen's Silver Prize Band, 1949

Barnsbury Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band (Middlesex)

Founded in autumn 1874, conductor G.S. Page. First public appearance in Arundel Square on 27th July 1875

Barry Unionist Jubilee Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Founded in 1896, disbanded in 1906. Associated with the Barry Unionist Club

Barry Unionist Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band (Glamorgan)

See: Barry Unionist Jubilee Brass Band

Blackfriars Working Men's Mission Band (London)

Active in the early 1900s through to the early 1920s

Blackhill Workmen's Band (Durham)

Active in 1914 when Henry Tyndale was secretary

Bond Street Working Men's Club Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)

See: City of Leicester Band

Bordesley Working Men's Institute Brass Band (Warwickshire)

Founded in November 1862. Conductor J. Ward in 1864-1865. Still active in 1867

Borough of Leicester Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band (Leicestershire)

See: Leicester Excelsior Brass Band (2)

British Workmen Public House Company Brass Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

See: British Workmen's Cocoa Rooms Brass Band

British Workmen's Brass Band (Exeter, Devon)

See: Exeter British Workmen's Brass Band

Cambridge Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band (Cambridgeshire)

Active in 1873, 1874

Canterbury Working Men's Club Brass Band (Kent)

Founded in June 1865, with 22 members, instruments costing over £100, conductor Thomas Allen

Carlow Workmen's Club Brass Band (Carlow)

Founded in 1898 (another report gives 1901 as the formation date). Disbanded in 1916 (one of its founder members, Michael O'Hanrahan, being executed for his part in the Easter Rising of that year). The club supplied instruments and uniforms. The band was much in demand at shows and parades all over the country. Their fee in for playing for the Rowing Club Regatta was £5. In 1904 this was increased to £7. 1s od. The band members got 4/- with the exception of the cornet players who got 5/-. The band master also got 5/-. In 1903 we find an advertisement in the *British Bandsman*: "WANTED: Secondhand Cornet, Tenor Horn, 2 Trombones: Reply to: The Secretary, Workman's Club, Carlow, Ireland." A Mr. Hawkes supplied all four instruments for £5. 10s od. Three young boys were admitted to the band for the purpose of learning the cornet. They were M. Conville, M. Kelly and P. Little and were to be paid 1/- a week. Every Christmas morning the band gave an outdoor performance and collected £20, which was a sizeable sum in 1904. It gave regular outdoor concerts in the town and played at gatherings throughout the county. An early engagement outside the county was attending the laying of the foundation stone of the Vinegar Hill memorial at Enniscorthy on Sunday, 28th May, 1905. In 1904 members included J.D. Simpson (conductor), J.D. Levinson (bandmaster), T. Little, W. Ellis, P. King, J. O'Neill, T. Evans, P. Kelly, J. Murphy, M. Brien, T. Burke, H. Harvey, T. Hughes, R. Clifford, J. Clifford and T. Murphy. Members of the band in 1905 were: P. Byrne, T. Donnelly, T. Burke, P. King, R. J. Clifford, J. O'Neill, J. Clifford, W. Ellis, J. Sullivan, James King, T. Little, Jas. Doyle, C. Panberry, P. Little, J. Mullins, T. Hughes, P. Kelly and G. Murphy.

City of Dublin Workmen's Association Brass Band (Dublin)

Active in 1879. Still active in 1900. Conductor A. Burke in 1900. A concert at Phoenix Park in June 1900 was: *The Colours* (Clarke), *Return of Spring* (Hume), *Gondoliers* (Sullivan), *Irish Airs* (Hartmann), *Incognita* (Millass), *The Song that Reached My Heart*, *Scotch Airs* (Volti), *Hercules* (Robinson), *St Patrick's Day*.

City of Leicester Band (Leicestershire)

Formerly Everards Brewery Band and Bond Street Working Mens Club Band, Bond Street Imperial Silver Band, Leicester Club and Institute Band (1933). Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by R. Jackson. It ran into difficulties around 1994 and decided to amalgamate with Barlestone Band in 1995, unfortunately after much effort by many of the players this didn't work and the combined band decided to call it a day at the end of 1996.

Darnall Silver Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

Formed some time after WW1. Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Darnall Working Men's Club Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Darnall Silver Band

Daventry Working Men's Club Brass Band (Northamptonshire)

Active in 1883, conductor W. Tilley. Still active in 1887

Deptford Working Men's Institute Brass Band (Kent)

Active in 1895. Conductor T. Cassell in 1895-1897

Derby Working Men's Brass Band (Derbyshire)

Active in 1861, associated with the local Working Men's Association

- Devonport Working Men's Liberal Association Brass Band** (Devon)
Active in 1892
- Don Valley Working Men's Brass Band** (Oughtibridge, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in the 1920s
- Dublin Total Abstinence League Brass Band** (Dublin)
Active in 1884, conductor Mr Regazzoli. Still active in 1903
- Dublin Working Men's Brass Band** (Dublin)
See: City of Dublin Workmen's Association Brass Band
- Dublin Workmen's Temperance Brass Band** (Dublin)
See: Dublin Total Abstinence League Brass Band
- Dundry and Chew Working Men's Club Brass Band** (Somerset)
Active in 1869
- East Ham Workmen's Institute Brass Band** (Essex)
Founded in 1889, leader Mr Saxton, secretary Charles Smith
- Edenderry Working Men's Club Brass Band** (County Down)
Active in 1894
- Enniscorthy Catholic Working Mens' Club Brass Band** (Wexford)
Active in 1900
- Exeter British Workmen's Brass Band** (Devon)
Founded in early 1892, conductor Mr Carter
- Exeter Working Men's Brass Band** (Devon)
Formed in 1890, of "young artizans", conductor George Russell. Still active in 1892. First public appearance on 13th December 1890. Conductors Mr Tozer and Frank Burridge in 1891
- Ferndale and Blaenllechau Workmen's Band** (Glamorgan)
Records held in the University of Wales (Swansea) include: Minutes 1923-1927; agreement 1927; note of payments to band members
- Foresters Brass 2000** (Leicestershire)
[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Bread Street Mission Band, Leicester Ivanhoe Band (1910s/1920s - competing in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor C. A. Anderson (drawn 5 of 11 bands, they were not placed). Still active as Ivanhoe Band in 1923), North Evington Working Men's Club and Institute Band (1928, conducted by Mr S. Brown to 1939), 9th Battalion Home Guard Band, City of Leicester Special Constabulary Band (1946), Leicester Foresters Band (1958), Band of the Ancient Order of Foresters (1978-2000) - Note: Amalgamated with Brass 2000 in 2000
- Gloucester Working Men's Institute Brass Band** (Gloucestershire)
Active in 1889 to 1890
- Goose Green Working Men's Brass Band** (near Wigan, Lancashire)
Founded in early 1879. Active through the 1880s
- Gravel Lane Working Men's Brass Band** (Manchester, Lancashire)
Active in 1888
- Hackney Working Men's Club Brass Band** (Middlesex)
Active in 1878, with 25 performers. Still active in 1882
- Hanley Working Men's Club Band** (Staffordshire)
Active in the 1900s
- Hastings Working Mens' Club Brass Band** (Sussex)
Active in 1867
- Henfield Working Men's Brass Band** (Middlesex)
Founded in mid-1895. Associated with the Working Men's Slate Club

Henley Working Men's Institute Brass Band (Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire)
Active in 1877

Herne Hill Working Men's Institute Brass Band (Surrey)
Founded in 1865, first public performance in July 1866. Still active in 1867

Hoddesdon Working Men's Club Brass Band (Hertfordshire)
Active in 1866

Holy Trinity Working Men's Institute Brass Band (Birmingham, Warwickshire)
Active in 1866. Conductor J. Ward in 1867

Hornsey Working Men's Brass Band (Middlesex)
Active in 1897

Idle Conservative Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Founded in March 1867, obtained their instruments in May 1867, bandmaster Mr Terry. Active through to 1875

Idle Working Men's Conservative Society Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Idle Conservative Brass Band

Ipswich Working Men's College Brass Band (Suffolk)
Active in 1867

Kilkenny Artisans' Brass Band (Kilkenny)
Active in 1878, conductor E. Landy. Still active in 1893

Kilkenny Workmen's Club Brass Band (Kilkenny)
See: Kilkenny Artisans' Brass Band

King Cross Brass Band (2) (Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Founded in 1870, rehearsing at the Old King Cross Inn. Active through to WW2. Conductor Walter Clayton in 1902. In 1905, their band room was next to the Trafalgar Inn, Halifax. W. Webster was solo trombone in 1901. During a trip to London in August 1902, the band played for King Edward at Buckingham Palace

King Cross Working Men's Club and Subscription Band (Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: King Cross Brass Band (2)

Lambeth Working Men's Mission Brass Band (1) (Surrey)
Founded in May 1895. Based at the Mission in Collingwood Street, New Cut. President J.G. Young in 1896. A successor band was formed in 1900

Lambeth Working Men's Mission Brass Band (2) (Surrey)
Founded in June 1900. Active through the 1900s. Conductor C. Scudamore in 1902. The Collingwood Street Mission was founded around 1876

Landore Workmen's Band (Glamorgan)
Active in the 1900s

Leeds Working Men's Club Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1863, 16 members

Leicester Borough Workmen's Band (Leicestershire)
See: Leicester Excelsior Brass Band (2)

Leicester Excelsior Brass Band (2) (Leicestershire)
Founded in 1897, conductor John Chapman. Bandmaster S. Brown, secretary J.R. Markham in 1902. Renamed Leicester Borough Workmen's Band, then Borough of Leicester Club and Institute Silver Band in 1910, active through to WW1

- Lewis Merthyr Silver Band (2)** (Glamorgan)
[current band] - Founded in 1879 - Former names: Cymmer (Porth) Colliery Band (to 1949), Lewis Merthyr Workmen's Institute Band, Lewis Merthyr (Cardiff Lift Co.) Band
- Lewis Merthyr Workmen's Institute Band** (Glamorgan)
[previous name of current band] - see: Lewis Merthyr Silver Band (2)
- Limerick Victuallers' Brass Band** (Limerick)
Founded around 1865. Active through to the 1960s. Known as St John's Brass (and Reed) Band from the 1890s. Also known as St John's Working Men's Band
- Lincoln Working Men's Brass Band** (Lincolnshire)
Active in 1874
- Liverpool British Workman Public House Company Brass Band** (Lancashire)
See: Liverpool British Workman Total Abstinence Society Brass Band
- Liverpool British Workman Total Abstinence Society Brass Band** (Lancashire)
Active in 1885, conductor H. Round
- Liverpool Workshops for the Blind Band** (Lancashire)
Founded in 1885, conductor G.W. Nicholson. Active through to 1918, conductor W.R. Gasking in 1894.
- Luton Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band** (Bedfordshire)
Founded in December 1867, with instruments costing £30, based at the club in King Street. Still active in 1869
- Lymm Working Men's Sax-horn Band** (Cheshire)
Active in 1855, conductor Mr Bartle
- Lynn Working Men's Saxhorn Band** (King's Lynn, Norfolk)
Active between 1854 and 1866. Josiah H Reddie was a founder member.
- Manningham Working Men's Club Brass Band** (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1878. The club obtained new premises in Silk Street in 1878, where the band, of 21 players, rehearsed.
- Manningham Working Men's Teetotal Hall Juvenile Temple Brass Band** (Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1884
- Mapplewell Mechanics' Institute Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1879, conductor W. Pickering. Still active in 1880. James Walter Hardcastle was a trombone player in the band at the time of his death in July 1880, aged 21.
- Mapplewell Working Men's Institute Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Mapplewell Mechanics' Institute Brass Band
- Moor Row Working Men's Brass Band** (Cumberland)
Active in 1891
- Mortlake Working Men's Club Brass Band** (Surrey)
Founded in October 1880. First public appearance on Monday 27th March 1882
- Mutual Friends Working Men's Club Brass Band** (Middlesex)
Active in 1875, conductor G.W. Crawley, performing at a Working Men's Union sports at Holloway
- Neath and Melyn Brass Band** (Glamorgan)
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Conductor Arthur J. Rees

Neath and Melyn Workmen's Band (Glamorgan)

See: Neath and Melyn Brass Band

New Barnet Workmen's Brass Band (1) (Middlesex)

Founded around 1885. Secretary G. Chappell in 1886, advertising for cornet and bass players, noting the band was "not strictly confined to teetotalers". A successor band was formed in 1891

New Barnet Workmen's Brass Band (2) (Middlesex)

Founded in 1891. Active through to WW1. Later known as New Barnet Town Band. Conductor F Dimmock in 1899-1904. In November 1899 it purchased a new set of instruments at a knock-down price of £100 - some ten years previously an order for a complete set of instruments was received from Madagascar. The instruments were shipped and transported 150 miles up-country only for the French government officials to refuse to accept the English instruments, which were shipped back to England, eventually being sold to New Barnet

New Malden and Coombe Workmen's Brass Band (Surrey)

Founded in January 1895, with 20 members, secretary J. Buzwell, treasurer R. Hutchins, band sergeant F. Earl. Bandmaster A.D. Timbers in 1901. Still active in 1905. Later known as Maldens and Coombe Brass Band

Newport Pagnell Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band
(Buckinghamshire)

Active in 1876

Newport Working Mens' Institute Brass Band (Hampshire (Isle of Wight))

Formed in 1858.

Nine Elms Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band (Surrey)

Founded in 1869

North Evington Working Men's Club and Institute Band (Leicestershire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Foresters Brass 2000

Parc and Dare Band (Glamorgan)

[current band] - Founded in 1893 - Former names: Cwmparc Temperance Drum and Fife Band, Cwmparc Silver Band, Briths Fuels (Parc & Dare) Band, Parc & Dare Workmen's Silver Band. Secretary R. Boundford in 1894. *[Further information - see: Watkins, Ron - National Fuel Distributors Band (Parc & Dare) Centenary 1893-1993 - 1993; Evans, Avril - A life divine The life and times of Parc and Dare Band - Parc and Dare Band, 2005. ISBN: 9780955713507]*. Conductor in 1900, J.D. Treharne. In the 1890s a contest was held at Pontcymmer and the musicians carried their instruments on the six-mile trek across the mountain tops. Under the baton of Mr Treherne they performed brilliantly, even if all the lights in the hall blew out, and left with the first prize. Obtained a new bandroom in 1903

Parc and Dare Workmen's Silver Band (Glamorgan)

[previous name of current band] - see: Parc and Dare Band

Plymouth Working Men's Brass Band (Devon)

Active in 1865

Plymouth Workmen's Band (Troedyrhiw, Glamorgan)

See: Plymouth Colliery Brass Band

Pontlottyn Workmen's Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1905

Port Talbot and District Workmen's Prize Band (Glamorgan)

See: Port Talbot Workmen's Prize Band

- Port Talbot Workmen's Prize Band** (Glamorgan)
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Played at the ceremonial opening of Port Talbot Memorial Park on the 27th June 1925 at 3p.m.
- Rainham Working Men's Club Band** (Essex)
Active from the mid-1930s to the late 1940s
- Reading Working Men's Club Brass Band** (Berkshire)
Active in 1856
- Redland Park Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
Active in 1891, conductor S. Rootham. Still active in 1902. Conductor E.G. Cooper in 1894
- Redland Park Working Men's Brass Band** (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
See: Redland Park Brass Band
- River Wear Commissioners' Workmen's Brass Band** (Sunderland, Durham)
Active in 1894, bandmaster James Ord Hume
- Rosslyn Hill Brass Band** (Hampstead, Middlesex)
Founded in 1866, played on summer Saturday evenings on Hampstead Heath in the 1880s to 1890s. Conductor J. Tillman in 1876, George Sawyer in 1891. Secretary Alexander H.B. Ellis in 1876. Originally known as Rosslyn Hill Working Men's Association Band
- Rosslyn Hill Working Men's Association Band** (Hampstead, Middlesex)
See: Rosslyn Hill Brass Band
- Rugeley Comrades Band** (Staffordshire)
Formed after the end of WW1. Later became the Rugeley Progressive Working Men's Club Band, active in the 1930s.
- Rugeley Progressive Working Men's Club Band** (Staffordshire)
See: Rugeley Comrades Band
- Rushden Town Band (2)** (Northamptonshire)
[current band] - Founded in 1979 - Former names: Rushden Windmill 'B' Band, Rushden Working Men's Club Band (1983-1990)
- Rushden Working Men's Club Band** (Northamptonshire)
[previous name of current band] - *see: Rushden Town Band (2)*
- Saltash Town Band (1)** (Cornwall)
Formed in 1919 at the Working Men's Club in Saltash. The band was active until the outbreak of the Second World War. Unfortunately, all the band's instruments and equipment were placed on a barge moored in the River Tamar and were lost during a bombing raid. Thereafter the band folded. A successor band was formed in 1975.
- Saltash Working Men's Club Brass Band** (Cornwall)
See: Saltash Town Band (1)
- Southwark Working Men's Mission Brass Band** (Surrey)
Active in 1901, 1902. Conductor C. Scudamore in 1902
- Springfield Working Men's Club Band** (near Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)
Active in the 1930s
- St James' Working Men's Club Brass Band** (West Hampstead, Middlesex)
Founded in late 1891
- St John's Working Men's Brass Band** (Limerick, Limerick)
See: Limerick Victuallers' Brass Band
- St Martin's Working Men's Club Brass Band** (Leicester, Leicestershire)
Active in 1867

Sunderland Working Men's Brass Band (Durham)

Founded in 1888, conductor Mr Sanderson, associated with the local Working Men's Benefit Society. Many of the men worked at the Palmer's Hill Engine Works

Teddington Working Men's Brass Band (Middlesex)

Active in 1874, when it was trying to clear a debt of £30 for instruments. Still active in 1887. Conductor H. Harris in 1886-1887

Tonyrefail Silver Band (Glamorgan)

Active from 1890 to the 1950s. Morgan Morris was a member in 1893, when he died aged 26 in a colliery accident. In 1894 it won a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. Thomas Lewis. Conductor S. Schofield/Scourfield in 1898, Harry Bentley in 1906

Tonyrefail Workmen's Silver Band (Glamorgan)

See: Tonyrefail Silver Band

Tredegar Town Band (Monmouthshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1876 - Former names: Tredegar Workmen's Town Band - Note: Tredegar Town Band's history can be traced as far back as 1849 when they are recorded as leading a giant procession to celebrate the opening of a new mill for the Tredegar Iron and Coal Company. Conductor Joseph Gwyer in 1873, Tom Hardy in 1884. In 1876 facing extinction local citizens met in the Town Hall and pledged financial support. [Further information - see: Powell, Gus - History of Tredegar Town Band - Tredegar History Club]

Tredegar Workmen's Town Band (Monmouthshire)

[previous name of current band] - see: Tredegar Town Band

Treharris Brass Band (2) (Glamorgan)

Founded in 1908. Active through to the 1920s. Also known as Treharris Workmen's Band.

Treharris Workmen's Band (Glamorgan)

See: Treharris Brass Band (2)

Tylorstown Workmen's Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in 1893 to the 1950s

Tyseley Institute Brass Band (Worcestershire)

Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Tyseley Working Men's Club and Institute Band (Worcestershire)

See: Tyseley Institute Brass Band

Unionist Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band (Barry, Glamorgan)

Active in 1899

Warrington Working Men's Club Brass Band (Lancashire)

Founded in 1879

Wednesbury Working Men's Club Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Active in the 1860s

West End Working Men's Club Brass Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)

Active in the 1950s

Wigston Working Men's Club Brass Band (Leicestershire)

Founded in July 1880, 22 members, conductor W. Hurst. Active into the 1900s. Conductor J. Boulter in 1886

Wood End Brass Band (near Kingsbury, Warwickshire)

Formed before 1890. Active through to the 1950s. It became associated with the town working men's club when that was formed in 1905.

Wood End Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band (near Kingsbury, Warwickshire)

See: Wood End Brass Band

Worcester Working Man's Institute Brass Band (Worcestershire)

Founded in December 1856, trained by F. Langdon, played their first concert in February 1857, when it was reported "the progress they have made is marvellous, though the noise from so many (35) instruments, and especially the clashing of the cymbals, was too much for any room". Still active in 1859

Worcester Working Men's Recreation Band (Worcestershire)

See: Worcester Working Man's Institute Brass Band

Working Men's Constitutional Association Brass Band (Surrey)

Active in 1889

Workmen's Club Brass Band (Dublin, Dublin)

See: York Street Workmen's Club Brass Band

Wrexham Working Men's Institute Brass Band (Denbighshire)

Founded in 1871, conductor Mr Jennings

Yeovil Working Men's Band (Somerset)

Formed in 1949 from a splinter group from Yeovil Corporation Band . Merged with Yeovil Corporation Band in 1967 to form the current Yeovil Town Band.

Ynysybwl Workmen's Brass Band (Glamorgan)

Active in the 1910s to 1930s

York Street Workmen's Club Brass Band (Dublin, Dublin)

Founded in early 1884. Still active in 1905

Miscellaneous

Point of Ayr (Talacre Beach Caravan Park) Band (Talacre, Flintshire)

See: Point of Ayr Colliery Band

Point of Ayr Colliery Band (Talacre, Flintshire)

The band was formed in 1967 after the closure of the Llay Main Colliery. The instruments were transported to Point of Ayr, where local people formed a band. During the 1970s, the band rose up through the sections winning many first prizes at prestigious contests. In 1981 Championship status was attained (the equivalent of football's Premier League), and at the first attempt, the band qualified for the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall, London. Point of Ayr retained it's Championship status up to the year 2000. The band folded in 2010. The band was variously also known as: Point of Ayr Colliery (EIMCO) Band, Point of Ayr Colliery (Powergen) Band, and Talacre Beach Caravan Park Band.

Smith's Nursery Brass Band (Worcester, Worcestershire)

See: St John's Nursery Brass Band

St John's Nursery Brass Band (Worcester, Worcestershire)

Active in 1879. Still active in 1884. The band consisted of employees of Richard Smith & Co. at the St John's Nurseries - producing bulbs, seeds, plants and trees for sale, and also introducing new strains of apples

Stanley Saw Mills Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

Active in the 1900s. The mills were owned by Joseph Owen and Sons, located at Stanley Road

Storey's Decorative Products Band (Lancaster, Lancashire)

See: Storey's of Lancaster Band

Storey's of Lancaster Band (Lancaster, Lancashire)

Formed in 1946 under conductor Arthur E. Brownbill (a.k.a. Storey's Works Band), later known as the Storey's Decorative Products Band in 1987, finally, in 1992, City of Lancaster (Storey's) Band. Falling membership prompted an amalgamation with Red Rose Youth Band in the city to form Red Rose Lancaster Band in the early 2000s, but as with many such ventures it didn't quite work out, folding a few years later. A few dedicated members broke away and formed the present band, Lancaster City Brass.

Storey's Works Band (Lancaster, Lancashire)

See: Storey's of Lancaster Band

TCTC Group Band (Crewe, Cheshire)

[current band] - Former names: Crewe 95th ATC and Old Comrades Band, Crewe Co-operative Band, United Co-op Band (Crewe), Co-operative Funeralcare Band North West. TCTC Group is a Clinical Research Organization

Unknown

I have not yet been able to identify the type of business that supported these following bands or even, in a few cases, if indeed there was a corporate sponsor.

Angus (Sir W) Band (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland)

Active around 1919, linked to Sir W. Angus Sunderland and Co. Ltd.

Annan Town (APD) Band (Dumfriesshire)

[current band] - Founded in 1961 - Former names: Annan Town Band, Annan Town (LPG Eco-Gas) Band (2000)

Barton Brothers' Brass Band (Balham, Surrey)

Active in 1880

Batchelors' Brothers Saxe-Horn Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)

Active in 1859. Still active in 1865. Were attached to the 4th Artillery Corps of Glamorgan Volunteers in 1860.

Beard and Carter's Brass Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)

Active in 1859

Beswick and Company's Northenden Brass Band (Cheshire)

Active in 1892, 1893

Bocking Concert Brass (Essex)

[current band] - Founded in 1971 - Former names: Bocking Concert Brass, KES Brass (1993-1997)

Brighton and Fitzgerald's Brass Band (Norfolk)

See: Messrs Brighton and Fitzgerald's Brass Band

Brixham Brass Band (1) (Devon)

Active in 1853 to the late 1890s. Conductor W. Fletcher in 1891, Mr Glieman in 1894. Also known as Messrs Glieman's Brass Band in the early 1890s

Buck Mills Brass Band (Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

Active in 1896

Burton and Sons' Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Messrs Burton and Sons' Brass Band

Butt's Brass Band (Southampton, Hampshire)

See: Messrs Butt's Brass Band

Caerleon Factory Brass Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in 1851

Chaplin and Fulcher's Brass Band (Suffolk)

Active in 1887, performing at Rickinghall

Cobleys' Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs Cobleys' Brass Band

Comber's Brass Band (Slaugham, Sussex)

See: Messrs Comber's Brass Band

Ebbw Vale Works Band (Monmouthshire)

Active in the 1920s

F. A. Norris Works Brass Band

Active in 1972, competing the Welsh Area contest.

Field and Allcock's Brass Band (Stourbridge, Worcestershire)

Active in 1858 and 1859

Field's Brass Band (Stourbridge, Worcestershire)

See: Field and Allcock's Brass Band

G. White and Co.'s Brass Band (Truro, Cornwall)
Active in 1857

Gamble's Factory Brass Band (Carrickfergus, County Antrim)
Active in 1870

Gardner Bros. Brass Band (Northumberland)
Active in October 1892, performing at the laying of memorial stones at
Bedlington Primitive Methodist Church

Goole Recreation Company Brass Band (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1886

Graves' Watford Amateur Brass Band (Hertfordshire)
See: Watford Amateur Brass Band

Gwyrfai Mills Brass Band (Bontnewydd, Caernarfonshire)
Active in the 1890s

Hancock's Brass Band (Plymouth, Devon)
See: Messrs Hancock's Brass Band

Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves Brass Band (Jackfield, Shropshire)
See: Messrs Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves Brass Band

Hayward and Tilley's Brass Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)
See: Messrs Hayward and Tilley's Brass Band

Heathcock's Brass Band (Stourbridge, Staffordshire)
See: Messrs Heathcock's Brass Band

Humbestone and Sons' Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)
See: Messrs Humbestone and Sons' Brass Band

Ison's Brass Band (Middlesex)
See: Messrs Ison's Brass Band

J.H. Wilson's Amateur Apprentice Brass Band (Cornholme, Lancashire)
First public appearance on Christmas Day, 1873

Johnson and Hutchins' Brass Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)
See: Messrs Johnson and Hutchins' Brass Band

Johnson and Roberts' Brass Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)
See: Messrs Johnson and Roberts' Brass Band

Keats and Cloud's Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)
See: Messrs Keats and Cloud's Brass Band

Kennedy's Swinton Concert Band (Lancashire)
See: Swinton Concert Brass

KES Brass (Essex)
[previous name of current band] - see: Bocking Concert Brass

King and Liddiatt's Brass Band (Gloucestershire)
See: Messrs King and Liddiatt's Brass Band

KM Medway Band (Kent)
[previous name of current band] - see: Medway Band

Leicester Factory Brass Band (Leicestershire)
Active in 1859

Lifford and Sherborne Mills Brass Band (Worcestershire)
Active in 1867

Martin and Martin's Brass Band (South Molton, Devon)
Active in 1895

Martin's Brass Band (Bolton, Lancashire)
See: Messrs Martin's Brass Band

Messrs Batchelors' Brass Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)
See: Batchelors' Brothers Saxe-Horn Band

Messrs Brighton and Fitzgerald's Brass Band (Norfolk)
Active in 1873, performing at Litcham

Messrs Burton and Sons' Brass Band (Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1877

Messrs Butt's Brass Band (Southampton, Hampshire)
Active in 1865

Messrs Cobleys' Brass Band (Bristol, Gloucestershire)
Active in 1886

Messrs Comber's Brass Band (Slaugham, Sussex)
Active in 1855 to 1863

Messrs E.H. Turpin and Co.'s Brass Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)
Active in 1859

Messrs Field's Brass Band (Stourbridge, Worcestershire)
See: Field and Allcock's Brass Band

Messrs Glieman's Brass Band (Brixham, Devon)
See: Brixham Brass Band (1)

Messrs Hancock's Brass Band (Plymouth, Devon)
Active in 1898

Messrs Hayward and Tilley's Brass Band (Wolverhampton, Staffordshire)
Active in 1852

Messrs Heathcock's Brass Band (Stourbridge, Staffordshire)
Active in 1880 to 1887

Messrs Humbestone and Sons' Brass Band (Leicester, Leicestershire)
Active in 1874

Messrs Ison's Brass Band (Middlesex)
Active in 1887, performing at the South Hornsey Queen's Jubilee celebrations

Messrs Johnson and Hutchins' Brass Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)
Active in 1879

Messrs Johnson and Roberts' Brass Band (Cardiff, Glamorgan)
Active in 1889. Still active in 1894. Secretary Fred G. Roberts in 1892

Messrs Keats and Cloud's Brass Band (Walsall, Staffordshire)
Active in 1859, 1860

Messrs King and Liddiatt's Brass Band (Gloucestershire)
Active in 1893, performing at Stonehouse Horticultural Show. Still active in 1899

Messrs Martin's Brass Band (Bolton, Lancashire)
Active in 1863

Messrs Player's Brass Band (Glamorgan)
Active in 1893, performing at Clydach

Messrs Porritt and Witham's Brass Band (Armley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active from the late 1850s to the 1860s.

Messrs Price and Flowers' Brass Band (Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire)
Active in 1884

Messrs Rowland and Teague's Brass Band (Cheltenham, Gloucestershire)
Active in 1864

Messrs Smith's Brass Band (Pickering, Yorkshire (North Riding))
Active in 1904

Messrs Stephenson's Brass Band (Wrexham, Denbighshire)
Active in 1857

- Messrs Thomas and Edwin Peterson's Brass Band** (Mangotsfield, Gloucestershire)
Active in 1862 to 1869
- Mixenden Mill Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Active in 1850. Headed the procession at the laying of the foundation stone of Ogden Water reservoir near Halifax, in August 1854. Still active in 1877.
Leader was William Howard (d. 1904, aged 89) for many years
- PCA Skipton Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Skipton Brass Band
- Peterson's Brass Band** (Mangotsfield, Gloucestershire)
See: Messrs Thomas and Edwin Peterson's Brass Band
- Pettres Works Military Band** (Somerset)
See: Yeovil Corporation Band
- Player's Brass Band** (Glamorgan)
See: Messrs Player's Brass Band
- PMG Heart of England Band** (Birmingham, Warwickshire)
See: Heart of England Band
- Porritt and Witham's Brass Band** (Armley, Yorkshire (West Riding))
See: Messrs Porritt and Witham's Brass Band
- Price and Flowers' Brass Band** (Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire)
See: Messrs Price and Flowers' Brass Band
- Rowland and Teague's Brass Band** (Cheltenham, Gloucestershire)
See: Messrs Rowland and Teague's Brass Band
- Skipton Brass Band** (Yorkshire (West Riding))
Formed around 1870 as Jack Guy's Skipton Mission Band, it reorganised and restarted in March 1902. Conductor Fred Metcalfe in 1905. Later named Skipton Prize Band in 1919, it disbanded in 2002. Also known as Skipton Town Band, Skipton Properties Band and PCA Skipton Brass Band. A successor band, Skipton Brass, was formed a few years later. In the late 1990s they rehearsed at Ermystead Grammar School in the main hall , and also in classroom next to the sports field. They had several conductors during their latter years including, Roy Waite, Howard Lorriman and Andrew Eastwood. In 2001 sponsorship was lost, also the rehearsal facilities, they became a non contesting band eventually finding the crypt of Christ Church as the new headquarters with Brian Anderson as their conductor.
- Smith Brothers Brass Band** (Accrington, Lancashire)
Active in 1854
- Smith's Brass Band** (Pickering , Yorkshire (North Riding))
See: Messrs Smith's Brass Band
- South Durham Industries Brass Band** (Shildon, Durham)
Formed in 1988, later known as North Eastern Industries Brass Band (early 1990s to late 1990s), then Shildon Community Band until it folded some time after 2010.
- St Augustine's Brass Band** (Norwich, Norfolk)
Active in 1842. The band was attached to Mr Geary's factory.
- Stephen Heath Works Brass Band** (Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire)
Active in the 1930s
- Stephenson's Brass Band** (Wrexham, Denbighshire)
See: Messrs Stephenson's Brass Band
- Stevenson's Factory Brass Band** (Newtownards, County Down)
Active in 1896

Swinton Concert Brass (Lancashire)

Formed in the late 1960s or the early 1970s as a local Scout and Guide Band. It didn't really have a proper name then but developed into "Youth Town Brass" when local schoolchildren began joining. Eventually, they all grew up and some older people joined and it was decided that the 'Youth' wasn't really suitable, so the committee decided on Swinton Concert Brass. Sponsorship changed the name to "Kennedy's Swinton Concert" and they went on to win the British Open in 1989. When the sponsorship ended it went back to Swinton Concert Brass.

Turpin's Brass Band (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire)

See: Messrs E.H. Turpin and Co.'s Brass Band

Walkers and Hardmans Works Band (York, Yorkshire)

Founded in 1833

West Gloucestershire Brass Band (1) (Mangotsfield, Gloucestershire)

See: Messrs Thomas and Edwin Peterson's Brass Band

Whitham and Porritt's Brass Band (Armley, Yorkshire (West Riding))

See: Messrs Porritt and Witham's Brass Band

Yeovil Corporation Band (Somerset)

Formed in 1870 as the 16th S.V.R. Band, later known as Pettres Works Military Band (1930s) and Yeovil Corporation Band (1930s to 1967). A splinter group from Yeovil Corporation Band formed Yeovil Working Men's Band in 1949. Merged with Yeovil Working Men's Band in 1967 to form the current Yeovil Town Band.